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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

Offered February 28, 2014

Commending Elizabeth B. Daley.

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth "Betsey" B. Daley, director of the staff to the Virginia Senate Finance Committee served as Chair of the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Offices (NALFO) for 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1975, NALFO is one of ten legislative staff sections under the umbrella of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); the section represents and supports legislative staff involved in fiscal research and analysis; and

WHEREAS, Betsey Daley has an established record of public service; prior to coming to the Senate Finance Committee she worked in the Governor's budget office and in the budget office of the University of Virginia, where her analytical skills and attention to detail were highly valued; and

WHEREAS, as a staff member of the Senate Finance Committee, Betsey Daley acquired extensive expertise in the areas of higher education and capital outlay while developing the 2002 "Building Virginia's Future" capital outlay program, and staffing the Joint Subcommittee on Higher Education Funding Policies, which established new funding guidelines for Virginia's public colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, known for her calm, deliberative, and professional manner, Betsey Daley has served as director of staffing for the Senate Finance Committee for 12 years, coordinating the development of the Senate budget and initiatives related to tax reform, higher education restructuring, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, recognized for her commitment to professional growth and mentorship, Betsey Daley was awarded the Council of State Governments Henry Toll Fellowship and served on the Legislative Staff Coordinating Council of NCSL from 2011 to 2013, where she actively worked to strengthen professional development opportunities for legislative staff; and

WHEREAS, Betsey Daley brought her extensive knowledge of fiscal policies to her position as Chair of NALFO and provided a well-rounded perspective on the challenges faced by fiscal staff in working with state budgets and revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, as the first Chair of NALFO from Virginia, Betsey Daley worked diligently on initiatives and programs to improve the quality and effectiveness of legislative fiscal staff and the services they provide to state legislatures; she will continue to have an active role in her new capacity as the Past Chair for 2013-2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby commend and congratulate Elizabeth B. Daley on her exemplary service as Chair of the National Association of Legislative Fiscal Offices and her continued participation in NALFO as Past Chair; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Elizabeth B. Daley as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's appreciation for her public service to the Senate, the Commonwealth, and NCSL.