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## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147**

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3 Commending Meredith Polk. 4

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5 6 WHEREAS, Meredith Polk, an esteemed resident of Richmond, was named as a distinguished finalist 7 in the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program for her generous work to support people 8 with multiple sclerosis; and

9 WHEREAS, the Spirit of Community Awards, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across the country 10 who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the service of others; as a distinguished finalist, 11 Meredith Polk earned an engraved bronze medallion; and 12

13 WHEREAS, Meredith Polk, a senior at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, earned the prestigious national award as the founder and president of Miles of Scarves, which has raised more than \$40,000 14 15 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society by knitting and selling scarves; and

16 WHEREAS, under Meredith Polk's leadership, Miles of Scarves has sponsored a rest stop at the Richmond Bike MS event, provided scholarships and holiday gifts to families affected by multiple 17 18 sclerosis, and donated to research projects; and

19 WHEREAS, the success of the Commonwealth and the vitality of American society depend largely 20 on the dedication of young people like Meredith Polk, who use their considerable talents and resources 21 to serve others; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Meredith Polk hereby be commended on being named 23 as a distinguished finalist in the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and, be it

24 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Meredith Polk as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her volunteer 25 service, peer leadership, and community spirit and best wishes for her future endeavors. 26

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