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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 235

Offered February 8, 2018

*Commending Beth Laine.*

Patron—Bell, Robert B.

WHEREAS, Beth Laine, an art teacher at William Monroe High School in Stanardsville, has worked with enthusiasm to educate high school students and promote the arts in the school and community; and

WHEREAS, Beth Laine is a proud graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a degree in art, specializing in graphic design; and

WHEREAS, during Beth Laine's 10-year tenure at William Monroe High School, she created the Greene County Arts Festival, which has grown from humble beginnings to a county-wide event featuring not only students of the arts, but also local professional artists and garnering an attendance of more than 7,000 people in 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, Beth Laine's students have been recognized as winners of numerous art contests sponsored by a wide range of organizations, from Shenandoah National Park to the Shelter for Domestic Violence; one student won a \$5,000 scholarship from the Veterans of Foreign Wars for her piece related to veterans; and

WHEREAS, Beth Laine teaches students in every medium, exposing them to all facets of artistic opportunity to enrich their creative experience; and

WHEREAS, Beth Laine was voted Educator of the Year for Greene County Public Schools in 2015 for her exceptional teaching, leadership skills, and positive influence on the lives of her students; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, for National Portfolio Day, Beth Laine's Advanced Placement art students received three 4s and seven 5s, with a perfect score being 5; and

WHEREAS, Beth Laine's art students have been asked to display their works at the prestigious Woodberry Forest Show, Shenandoah National Park, Greene County Arts Festival, Greene County Art Crawl, the Charlottesville Airport, and the office of the Honorable Robert B. Bell at the State Capitol, for the world to see and be affected by; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2015, Beth Laine was selected from a pool of hundreds of nominees as one of *The Daily Progress* "Distinguished Dozen" honorees for making a difference in the lives of others; this prestigious honor sets her in a class of her own and brings honor to the Greene County community; and

WHEREAS, Beth Laine's cutting-edge approach to finding the newest art techniques and materials and to engaging in further study to give students unique opportunities is a tireless contribution to the welfare of young people; and

WHEREAS, Beth Laine has shown great vision and patience in teaching her students and has upheld the Virginia Standards of Learning, displaying leadership and skillfully sharing her expertise and talents; and

WHEREAS, Beth Laine has also made contributions to the wider community as a major force in defeating a cell tower on a property hosting one of Greene County's most prized scenic views, and she pioneered the building of the Peace Garden in Greene County for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Beth Laine's love for the arts, her students, and the community have greatly impacted Greene County and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Beth Laine for her exemplary work to enrich the lives of young people as an educator; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Beth Laine as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her selfless contributions to William Monroe High School, Greene County, and the Commonwealth.

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