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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 132

Offered February 8, 2018

Commending Cecili Weber.

Patrons—Edwards, Ebbin, Howell, Ruff and Spruill; Delegate: Rasoul

WHEREAS, Cecili Weber of Roanoke, a recent graduate of Hollins University, was crowned Miss Virginia 2017 before a cheering crowd at the Berglund Center on June 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ironton, Ohio, Cecili Weber is an experienced pageant competitor who was previously named the Miss Ohio Outstanding Teen in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Cecili Weber came to the Commonwealth to attend Hollins University, where she received the Hollins Scholar Award, was named to the university's Dean's List, and earned a bachelor's degree in communications studies; she plans to pursue a career in public relations with a fashion or beauty brand; and

WHEREAS, competing as Miss Arlington, Cecili Weber performed a contemporary jazz dance routine to Donna Summer's *Last Dance*, and she placed first in the swimsuit and evening wear categories; and

WHEREAS, during the competition, Cecili Weber promoted her platform, "Born Leaders," which encourages young people to be leaders in their schools and communities and empower themselves and others to make smart life choices; and

WHEREAS, Cecili Weber partnered with the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to share age-appropriate information with elementary school students on how to make healthy choices, how to say no to drugs and alcohol, and how to inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, as Miss Virginia 2017, Cecili Weber advanced to the 2018 Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey, where she placed in the top 10; and

WHEREAS, possessing an extraordinary combination of beauty, intelligence, talent, and dedication to service, Cecili Weber has ably represented the Commonwealth during her reign as Miss Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Cecili Weber on her selection as Miss Virginia 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cecili Weber as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for her achievements.