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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

Offered March 8, 2018

*Commending Debbi Miller.*

Patron—Petersen

WHEREAS, Debbi Miller, a talented and poised member of the Fairfax community, was crowned Ms. Senior USA 2017-2018 at the Ms. Senior USA pageant held May 17-23, 2017, at the Tropicana hotel and casino in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2015, the Ms. Senior USA pageant celebrates the accomplishments, elegance, and inner beauty of women over the age of 60 who have experienced life's joys and sorrows and emerged triumphant; and

WHEREAS, as the Founding Queen representing Virginia, Debbi Miller excelled in each of the rounds at Ms. Senior USA, which included a personal interview, evening gown competition, talent show, and statement of each contestant's philosophy of life; and

WHEREAS, a Fairfax resident since 1992, Debbi Miller has lived in 10 states and six foreign countries over the course of her life; and

WHEREAS, Debbi Miller earned a bachelor's degree in vocal performance from Birmingham-Southern College and a master's degree in music from the University of Texas at Austin; she was a Presidential Scholar and a National Merit Scholar; and

WHEREAS, a gifted singer, Debbi Miller has performed 16 leading opera roles around the globe and completed one professional recording entitled *Songs for My Father*; she is also an accomplished violinist and has conducted the pit orchestra for two musicals; and

WHEREAS, Debbi Miller is a devoted community member who has volunteered with numerous organizations in the Fairfax region, including the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide, the Kings Park West Community Association, Fairfax County Public Schools, R.S.V.P. of Northern Virginia, and the Fairfax Little League; and

WHEREAS, Debbi Miller received a Best of Braddock award in recognition of her public service and was also honored with the prestigious Lesley Dorman Award from the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide; and

WHEREAS, as Ms. Senior USA 2017-2018, Debbi Miller has traveled widely and made appearances on behalf of seniors in California, Florida, New York, Washington, Nevada, and at multiple locations in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a woman of superior talent, intelligence, grace, and dedication, Debbi Miller has provided exemplary service to the community and will be an outstanding representative of the Commonwealth as Ms. Senior USA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Debbi Miller hereby be commended on being crowned Ms. Senior USA for 2017-2018; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Debbi Miller as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her spectacular achievements and best wishes for continued success.

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