

## 2023 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 117

*Commending Paula Bandy.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2023

WHEREAS, Paula Bandy, an accomplished business and marketing educator at Richlands High School and longtime advisor to the District 2 chapter of Virginia DECA, Inc., has greatly served the Richlands community for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Richlands High School Class of 1964, Paula Bandy studied at East Tennessee State University and the Southwestern College of Business and graduated from Milligan University in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bandy's first stint as a business educator at Richlands High School was from 1969 to 1973; she then taught marketing at the school from 1984 to today, contributing greatly to the future success of her students; and

WHEREAS, over her years at Richlands High School, Paula Bandy coached the cheer team, leading the program to a second place finish at the James Madison University cheer competition in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bandy has promoted the field of marketing education as a former member of the Virginia Education Association, the National Education Association, and the Virginia Association of Marketing Educators; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bandy was an advisor to the District 2 chapter of Virginia DECA, Inc., formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America, garnering a tremendous array of accolades and awards over her tenure, including 13 state wins between 1989 and 2016 and national finalist honors in 2007; and

WHEREAS, under Paula Bandy's leadership, District 2 was a national DECA promotional campaign winner and earned recognition from Virginia DECA on several occasions, including as a platinum chapter in 2015 and with a membership award in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her 40 years of service as a DECA advisor, Paula Bandy was honored and awarded a commemorative plaque by the National DECA Association during the organization's International Career Development Conference in Atlanta in 2022; and

WHEREAS, outside of the classroom, Paula Bandy has served as the pianist and choir director at Jewell Ridge Presbyterian Church since 1996, providing beautiful and uplifting music for the benefit of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Paula Bandy has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to her students' academic, social, and emotional well-being over an extraordinary career spanning more than four decades, earning the esteem of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Paula Bandy, a beloved educator at Richlands High School and advisor to the District 2 chapter of Virginia DECA, hereby be commended for her service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Paula Bandy as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's appreciation for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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