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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

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Commending Saran Bell-Day.

Patron—Miller

WHEREAS, Saran Bell-Day, founder of Youth Against Drugs and Disease (Y.A.D.A.D.), is recognized for her commitment to the prevention of AIDS and other diseases and the abuse of drugs in the Norfolk community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Chesapeake, Saran Bell-Day was called to advocacy and her impassioned fight to prevent AIDS by the tragic loss of a childhood friend, as well as the loss of a close relative to the deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, Saran Bell-Day founded Y.A.D.A.D. because she felt that she could make a substantial difference in her community by talking to teens and young adults concerning the sexually contracted disease and the role drug abuse plays in its spread; she wants all young people to be educated, proactive, and, most importantly, protect themselves and their sexual partners against AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Y.A.D.A.D.'s mission is to prevent and educate youth who are at risk of contracting the HIV virus; and

WHEREAS, Y.A.D.A.D. is the current sponsor of the "Kids-be-Kids" program, which encourages children to play and enjoy child-appropriate activities, and the "Ask Questions" program, which encourages teens to ask frank questions about prospective sexual partners and their own sexuality and behavioral responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Saran Bell-Day will sponsor the first annual "Youth Fest" scheduled at Booker T. Washington High School on July 30, 2006, to spread her message of prevention against all disease and drugs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Saran Bell-Day on her dedication and advocacy in the fight against AIDS and drug abuse; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Saran Bell-Day as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for her commitment to the young people of the City of Norfolk and the Hampton Roads community.

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