

2014 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Commending Bladen Clarke Finch.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 27, 2014

WHEREAS, Bladen Clarke Finch, Director of the Senate Page Program and Civics Coordinator of the Senate of Virginia, completed his term as Chair of the Legislative Information and Communications Staff (LINCS) section of the National Conference of State Legislatures in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Bladen Clarke Finch joined the LINCS Executive Committee in 2009, serving as a Director from 2009 to 2011 and Vice Chair from 2011 to 2012 before rising to Chair in 2012; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chair, Bladen Clarke Finch led and coordinated outreach initiatives to enhance the professional development of legislative staff involved in civics education, constituent services, media relations and the NCSL Legislators Back to School program; and

WHEREAS, LINCS, formed in 1998, is the newest of the NCSL staff sections, whose aim is to promote improved and effective communication between public information and communications staff and their legislatures, staff, and constituents; and

WHEREAS, Bladen Clarke Finch, who joined the Senate Clerk's Office staff in 2008, has spent countless hours working toward improving the forum of communication between LINCS staff section members through outreach, enhanced committee participation, and program coordination for the annual LINCS professional development seminar; and

WHEREAS, Bladen Clarke Finch was awarded the Legislative Staff Achievement Award for his professionalism and dedication to the legislative institution by the LINCS staff section at the NCSL Summit in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Bladen Clarke Finch continues the tradition of dedication and professionalism of the staff of the Senate Clerk's Office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Bladen Clarke Finch hereby be commended and congratulated on his service as Chair of the NCSL Legislative Information and Communications Staff section and for his Legislative Staff Achievement Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bladen Clarke Finch as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's appreciation for his exemplary service to the Senate, NCSL, and his commitment to his profession.

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