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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 460

Offered February 18, 2019

*Commending Deputy Amanda Vela.*

Patrons—DeSteph and Wagner; Delegates: Convirs-Fowler and Stolle

WHEREAS, Deputy Amanda Vela of the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office was honored by the American Legion Princess Anne Post 113 on February 10, 2019, for her outstanding service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Vela epitomizes the meaning of determination, dedication, and professionalism; she has distinguished herself through her steadfast commitment, exhaustive efforts, and pride of purpose with the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office and by serving her country in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Vela has been with the Virginia Beach Sheriff's office for four years; in her current assignment with Correctional Operations, she takes the time to mentor and support new deputies; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Vela is a true leader in every aspect of the word; she has proven her commitment to the Sheriff's Office by taking on the extra responsibility of becoming a member of the Emergency Response Team and holds many certifications in specialized areas of training; and

WHEREAS, before beginning her career with the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, Amanda Vela served in the United States Marine Corps from 2010 through 2014; her military experience has contributed to her excellence as a deputy; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Vela finds the time to give back to the community through worthwhile volunteer service; she helped start and coordinates the "Lunch with a Deputy" and "Reading with a Deputy" programs, which engage elementary school-age students in activities that help them see the sheriff's deputies in a positive light; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Vela is a dedicated professional who continually earns the LawFit Gold Standard in Physical Fitness and is recognized as a state certified instructor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Deputy Amanda Vela of the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office for her outstanding service to the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Deputy Amanda Vela as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her dedication to law enforcement.

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