

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 689

Commending Pauline Bradshaw Jones.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Pauline Bradshaw Jones, a highly admired dance instructor and a vibrant member of the Deep Creek neighborhood of Chesapeake, retired in 2022 after more than four decades of service to young people; and

WHEREAS, Pauline Jones began dancing at the age of 14 under the tutelage of Carrol Stewart in South Norfolk, and she and a few other students ultimately volunteered to teach classes for a period when their instructor was ill; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Pauline Jones opened her own dance studio, the Pauline Bradshaw School of Dance, in her garage in the Brentwood section of Deep Creek; she began her teaching career with 24 students, most of whom lived in the neighborhood or were the children of friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, after Carrol Stewart retired in 1980, many of her former students signed up for classes with Pauline Jones, leading the Pauline Bradshaw School of Dance to expand to a new studio on Oklahoma Drive in Deep Creek; and

WHEREAS, Pauline Jones subsequently relocated the studio to a facility on S. Military Highway, where she enrolled hundreds of students at a time and taught generations of young dancers, many of whom went on to pursue the performing arts in their adult lives; and

WHEREAS, at the end of each year, Pauline Jones staged a recital for students to demonstrate their skills for family members and friends in a full theatrical production featuring high-quality lighting, sound, and costumes; and

WHEREAS, Pauline Jones's end-of-the-year recital was regularly held in the Deep Creek High School auditorium until the COVID-19 pandemic; in 2020, the recital was cancelled and replaced with an outdoor drive-through graduation ceremony at the school, and in 2021, it was held at Khedive Shrine Temple in Greenbrier; and

WHEREAS, Pauline Jones generously donated all of the proceeds from her fees and recital tickets to Deep Creek High School, and her contributions supported the school band, cheerleading team, drama club, key club, yearbook club, and parent-teacher association; and

WHEREAS, Pauline Jones touched the lives of countless young people from Chesapeake and South Norfolk, and she enhanced cultural life in the region by cultivating a fond appreciation for dance and the performing arts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Pauline Bradshaw Jones hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement as a dance instructor; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Pauline Bradshaw Jones as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her contributions to the performing arts and support for young people in Hampton Roads.

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