

## 2023 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167

*Commending Donald L. Wells.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Donald L. Wells has worked diligently to protect the natural resources of both the Commonwealth and the nation as a conservationist; and

WHEREAS, Donald "Don" Wells currently serves as an elected member of the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District and is the secretary/treasurer of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and

WHEREAS, earlier in his career, Don Wells worked as a certified professional engineer for more than 30 years and served as a water quality specialist with the National Association of Conservation Districts; and

WHEREAS, Don Wells has been active with many other organizations, including the Nature Conservancy, Soil and Water Conservation Society, and American Society of Agricultural Engineers; he has garnered respect and admiration from his peers for his thoughtful leadership and the breadth of his expertise; and

WHEREAS, Don Wells has developed strong working relationships with individual stakeholders, federal and state agencies, and corporate partners; he has been a trusted mentor to many colleagues and is an important source of institutional knowledge on a wide range of state and national conservation issues; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, Don Wells has received the Bobby Wilkinson Award, the highest honor of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and he was inducted into the Hall of Distinction of the National Association of Conservation Districts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Donald L. Wells hereby be commended for his service to the Commonwealth and the United States as a conservationist; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Donald L. Wells as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his personal and professional accomplishments.

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