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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 648

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Commending Pamela Bell.

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WHEREAS, Pamela Bell, an accomplished educator and longtime special education teacher at Nansemond Parkway Elementary School in Suffolk, retired from Suffolk Public Schools in 2024; and

WHEREAS, a proud alumna of Norfolk State University, Pamela Bell devoted 31 years to the academic, social, and emotional well-being of the students she taught, first covering all subjects as a self-contained special education teacher for 27 years and later working as an inclusion teacher for four years; and

WHEREAS, through her exceptional empathy and dedication, Pamela Bell fostered a learning environment in which her students could thrive, contributing to their success both in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Bell's energy and enthusiasm for her work inspired all who knew her as she cultivated meaningful relationships with students, faculty, and families throughout the Nansemond Parkway Elementary School community; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Bell worked alongside her close friend and colleague Juanita Smith, with whom she forged a cherished bond that has been a source of strength and joy for both over the years; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Bell has been the recipient of numerous accolades and awards in recognition of her accomplishments as an educator, including a Reading Teacher of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, through her faith, passion, and commitment, Pamela Bell made a difference in countless lives, earning her the esteem and admiration of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Pamela Bell, beloved educator at Nansemond Parkway Elementary School, hereby be commended on the occasion of her retirement from Suffolk Public Schools; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Pamela Bell as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her legacy of service and best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

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