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## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 424**

Offered February 17, 2025

Commending Virginia Banton.

Patrons-Boysko; Delegate: Keys-Gamarra

WHEREAS, Virginia Banton, a student at South Lakes High School in Fairfax County, was presented a Student Peace Award of Fairfax County in 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, the Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County were established in 2006 to annually recognize
9 one junior, one senior, or a student group at each public high school in Fairfax County who has worked to
10 promote peace in their community; and

11 WHEREAS, Virginia Banton is the president of the South Lakes Best Buddies Club, a group dedicated to 12 supporting students with intellectual and developmental disabilities by connecting them with other students to 13 socialize and collaborate on projects; and

WHEREAS, in her role as president, Virginia Banton has helped her fellow students thrive and develop a
 sense of togetherness while combating bullying and encouraging friendlier relationships throughout the South
 Lakes High School community; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Banton's efforts have made a positive and lasting impact on the Fairfax Countycommunity, earning her the esteem and admiration of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly
 hereby commend Virginia Banton for receiving a 2024 Student Peace Award of Fairfax County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
 Virginia Banton as an expression of the General Assembly's high regard for her contributions to Fairfax
 County and the Commonwealth.

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