SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 424

Commending Virginia Banton.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 19, 2025 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2025

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

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

WHEREAS, Virginia Banton is the president of the South Lakes Best Buddies Club, a group dedicated to supporting students with intellectual and developmental disabilities by connecting them with other students to 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 County community, 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.