

SENATE RESOLUTION 17

(By Senators Morris and Hamilton)

[Introduced January 27, 2026]

1 Designating January 27, 2026, as West Virginia Banker's Day at the Legislature.

2 Whereas, The banking industry provides essential capital, support, and resources to West
3 Virginia's citizens, businesses, and governments and is an economic driver for the state of West
4 Virginia; and

5 Whereas, A robust banking industry supports increased economic development and
6 prosperity for West Virginia in every sector, from manufacturing to health care to small retail
7 businesses; and

8 Whereas, The banking industry plays an essential role in new economic development
9 initiatives for West Virginia, creating jobs and diversifying West Virginia's economy; and

10 Whereas, A robust and well-supported banking industry positions West Virginia's residents
11 to achieve greater financial success through home ownership, small business support, investment
12 advice, and other services; and

13 Whereas, According to the American Bankers Association, the banking industry employs
14 nearly 8,000 West Virginians with an average salary twice the state average and is present and
15 accessible in nearly every community; and

16 Whereas, There are 44 banks headquartered in West Virginia and over 570 branch banks
17 in our communities; and

18 Whereas, The banking industry provides over \$2 billion in annual funding to West Virginia
19 businesses through nearly 73,000 business loans; and

20 Whereas, The West Virginia Bankers Association proudly works to support and enhance

1 West Virginia's banking climate in a new era of economic prosperity for our state; therefore, be it

2 *Resolved by the Senate:*

3 That the Senate hereby designates January 27, 2026, as West Virginia Banker's Day at

4 the Legislature; and, be it

5 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to

6 the appropriate representative at the West Virginia Banker's Association.