HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 51

Commending Tampa Electric Company.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 16, 2004
Agreed to by the Senate, January 22, 2004

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2003, Hurricane Isabel covered Virginia with drenching rain and winds of up to 100 mph, uprooting trees from already sodden ground, bringing down limbs, and causing outages for more than one million Dominion Virginia Power customers; and

WHEREAS, by early evening of September 18th, nearly half of Dominion's 2.2 million electric customers were without power from northeastern North Carolina through Tidewater and up into Central and Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of Hurricane Isabel's effects, Dominion Virginia Power assembled a workforce of 7,000, including line crews, contractors and tree-trimmers, and stationed them throughout the company's service area, ready to respond once the storm had passed; and

WHEREAS, a key component of this workforce were crews from partner power companies across the continent, who worked hand-in-hand with Dominion crews to restore electrical service as quickly as possible amidst the devastation caused by Hurricane Isabel; and

WHEREAS, after the storm, when the tremendous scope of the damage became clear, still more companies offered their assistance in the massive clean-up effort that ensued; and

WHEREAS, among these partner companies was Tampa Electric Company of Florida, which provided vitally needed assistance to Dominion Virginia Power's restoration efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tampa Electric Company and its dedicated employees for their generous assistance to Virginians in their hour of need; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John B. Ramil, executive vice president and chief executive officer of Tampa Electric Company, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude.