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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 220

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3 Commending Daniella Jones. 4

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5 6 WHEREAS, Daniella Jones, a senior at Salem High School, was honored as the 2006 Eastern 7 Regional winner in Dominion's Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership student writing 8 contest; and

9 WHEREAS, for 15 years, Dominion, along with the educational community, has offered the Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership series to inspire young people to achieve their dreams; and 10

WHEREAS, the Strong Men and Women series is a unique program by Dominion established to 11 provide youth with positive African-American role models whose accomplishments and determination 12 demonstrate true excellence in leadership; and 13

WHEREAS, high schools in the areas served by Dominion Virginia Power, Dominion North Carolina 14 15 Power, and Dominion East Ohio are invited to participate in the Strong Men and Women writing contest 16 that allows students to research the life of a leading African American and submit an essay that explores his or her achievements: and 17

WHEREAS, contest winners are recognized at Dominion-sponsored events held in celebration of 18 19 Black History Month; and

20 WHEREAS, Daniella Jones' award-winning essay was on the extraordinary life and accomplishments 21 of Maya Angelou, who "has played an extensive role in poetry, politics, journalism, civil rights, history, and education"; and WHEREAS, Daniella Jones will receive a new Dell laptop computer for her winning entry and 22

23 24 Salem High School will receive a cash award of \$1,000; and

25 WHEREAS, contest winners also have the opportunity to read their essays in front of distinguished 26 educators, community leaders, and the 2006 Strong Men and Women honorees; and

27 WHEREAS, Daniella Jones is congratulated on her exemplary achievement, great initiative, and an 28 excellent winning essay; now, therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly 30 commend Daniella Jones as the 2006 Eastern Regional winner in Dominion's Strong Men and Women: 31 Excellence in Leadership student writing contest; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution 32 33 for presentation to Daniella Jones as an expression of the General Assembly's best wishes for her 34 continued success in all of her future endeavors.

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