

## 2006 SESSION

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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

*Commending Maria Cecire.*

Agreed to by the Senate, January 12, 2006  
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 20, 2006

WHEREAS, Maria Cecire of Newport News, a versatile young woman and an outstanding student, was named a 2006 Rhodes Scholar; and

WHEREAS, the Rhodes Trust was established by Englishman Cecil Rhodes, who made his fortune in diamonds and the De Beers Mining Company; since 1902, the trust has provided two-year scholarships for successful candidates to study at Oxford University, with a possible third year extension; and

WHEREAS, Maria Cecire has been an excellent student throughout her 22 years, attending the Montessori school, gifted and talented classes in Newport News Public Schools, and the Governor's School; she attended the University of Virginia and spent five months studying in Norway before graduating in 2001 from Warwick High School's International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme; and

WHEREAS, Maria Cecire also spent time studying in Zambia and is currently attending the University of Chicago, where she has earned the school's highest academic honor; and

WHEREAS, Maria Cecire plans to enter Oxford University in the fall of 2006 after completing a bachelor's degree in English language and literature at the University of Chicago in the spring; and

WHEREAS, Maria Cecire has an abounding curiosity and diverse interests, but she contemplates that she may establish a charter school, after she completes her education, to provide an alternative learning environment for low-income and academically challenged students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Maria Cecire for her successful candidacy as a 2006 Rhodes Scholar; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Maria Cecire as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her many academic accomplishments and best wishes in all of her future endeavors.

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