SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33

Commending the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men, Inc.

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

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2005, at the Chesapeake Conference Center, the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men, Inc., recognized 340 promising young black men who had earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher; and

WHEREAS, at its eighth annual awards event, the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men, Inc., honored promising black male scholars for their outstanding academic achievement and celebrated their dedication so as to inspire other young people, especially young African-American men, to further their education; and

WHEREAS, according to data reviewed by *The Virginian-Pilot* newspaper, less than 10 percent of the area's black men will graduate with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and it is the Committee's mission to challenge students to improve this statistic; and

WHEREAS, nearly 2,000 young people have been honored by the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men, Inc., with the 200+ Scholars award; the 2005 awards program was chaired by Marvin Lake, public editor for *The Virginian-Pilot*; and George C. Crawley, 200+ Men, Inc., CEO and president, addressed the enthusiastic gathering of impressive young men; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men, Inc., is committed to improving the quality of life, education, and future of the young people of the Hampton Roads area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men, Inc., for its outstanding commitment to its 200+ Scholars awards program and congratulate the outstanding achievements of its recipients; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men, Inc. as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for its dedication to the young people of the Hampton Roads area.