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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 166

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*Commending Lizzie Powell.*

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WHEREAS, Lizzie Powell, an accomplished pole vaulter from Patrick Henry High School, won first place in the Group AAA state outdoor track and field meet and was named the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* top outdoor track athlete; and

WHEREAS, a talented and hard-working athlete, Lizzie Powell cleared the bar at 11 - 6 to place first in the Colonial District meet and second in the regional and state meets during the indoor track and field season; and

WHEREAS, at a tri-meet with Douglas Freeman High School and Mills Godwin High School, Lizzie Powell vaulted a state outdoor best of 12 - 6; and

WHEREAS, during the outdoor track and field season, Lizzie Powell distinguished herself and beat the previous Central Region meet record holder, her older sister Annie, with a 12 - 1 vault; and

WHEREAS, Lizzie Powell then vaulted 12 - 3 against tough competition at the Group AAA state meet at Todd Stadium in Newport News to set a state record and win the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, an all-around athlete, Lizzie Powell also qualified for the state meet in the 300 meter hurdles; for her outstanding performances she was named the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* top outdoor track athlete; and

WHEREAS, Lizzie Powell was looking forward to attending two national meets during the summer in an attempt to hit her goal of clearing 13 feet; however, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease one week after her award-winning state performance; and

WHEREAS, Lizzie Powell has used the discipline, commitment, and strength gained from athletic competition as she has undergone surgery and chemotherapy to treat her illness; and

WHEREAS, courageous and resilient, Lizzie Powell has accomplished much in her young life and serves as a role model for many; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lizzie Powell for her first-place finish in the Group AAA outdoor track and field state meet and selection as the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* top outdoor track athlete; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lizzie Powell as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations on her many accomplishments and best wishes for her future.

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