

2010 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 166

Commending Lizzie Powell.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 22, 2010
Agreed to by the Senate, January 28, 2010

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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