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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 409**

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Commending Ben Youngstone.

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WHEREAS, Ben Youngstone, an outstanding eighth-grader at Binford Middle School, won the 2010 Richmond Public Schools Spelling Bee; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Public Schools Spelling Bee was held February 17 at Mary Munford Elementary School with 832 students competing for the title; and

WHEREAS, Ben Youngstone remained calm and composed during the competition and was one of 31 students who advanced to the final rounds of competition; and

WHEREAS, before a crowd of family, friends, and fellow competitors, Ben Youngstone correctly spelled the word "eulogy" to win the Richmond Public Schools Spelling Bee; and

WHEREAS, a studious and well-rounded young man, Ben Youngstone takes the maximum number of ninth-grade-level courses offered at the sixth- through eighth-grade middle school, studies Chinese through the Virtual Virginia program, and participates in orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Ben Youngstone will proudly represent Richmond Public Schools at the Central Regional Spelling Bee at the Library of Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Ben Youngstone as the 2010 Richmond Public Schools Spelling Bee champion; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ben Youngstone as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and best wishes in his future endeavors.