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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 108

Offered January 21, 2014

*Commending Desiree Williams.*

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WHEREAS, Desiree Williams, a graduate student representing Arlington, was crowned Miss Virginia 2013 on June 29 at the Roanoke Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, a native of Newport News, Desiree Williams earned a bachelor's degree from Hampton University in 2011 and is currently pursuing a master's degree; and

WHEREAS, deeply dedicated to her education, Desiree Williams has received numerous scholarships, including a \$17,500 scholarship for winning the Miss Virginia pageant; she is a member of the Hampton University Honors College, the William R. Harvey Leadership Institute, and the Golden Key International Honour Society; and

WHEREAS, Desiree Williams received the 2013 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and has received the Mildred V. Brown Award for Excellence in Neurological Studies; and

WHEREAS, an experienced pageant contestant, Desiree Williams was named Miss Hampton University in 2010 and Miss National Sweetheart in 2012; she was the first runner up to Miss Virginia in 2012; and

WHEREAS, displaying her exceptional musical talent, Desiree Williams played "Cubana Cubana" on the piano during the Miss Virginia pageant; and

WHEREAS, during her reign, Desiree Williams will promote her platform of "Fit and Fun" at schools throughout the Commonwealth; she will educate students and parents on the importance of staying active, developing healthy eating habits, and making lifestyle choices that can improve overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, as Miss Virginia 2013, Desiree Williams earned the right to compete in the Miss America pageant on September 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, possessing an extraordinary combination of beauty, talent, intelligence, and dedication, Desiree Williams will ably represent the Commonwealth during her reign as Miss Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Desiree Williams on her selection as Miss Virginia 2013; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Desiree Williams as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her achievements and best wishes in her future endeavors.

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