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Offered January 21, 2015 Commending the Carroll County Middle School eighth-grade class.

Patrons—Campbell; Senators: Carrico, Smith and Stanley

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 696

WHEREAS students in the Carroll County Middle

WHEREAS, students in the Carroll County Middle School eighth-grade class successfully completed the National Novel Writing Month challenge in November 2014 and will have their works published; and

WHEREAS, during National Novel Writing Month, students throughout the world are encouraged to write a novel, and students who complete the challenge have up to five of their books published through CreateSpace; and

WHÊREAS, Angel Maggio, an English teacher for the Carroll County Middle School eighth-grade class, initiated the program to help her students gain confidence in their writing abilities and practice for essay-writing portions of standardized tests; and

WHEREAS, in the Carroll County Middle School eighth-grade class, 44 students completed the challenge by finishing a book and meeting the 2,000-word minimum; students completed works in various genres and of various lengths, with one student writing a 27,000-word story; and

WHEREAS, the 44 students who completed the challenge will each have one of their published books placed in the Carroll County Middle School library as a reminder of their achievements and an inspiration to other aspiring young writers at the school; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Carroll County Middle School eighth-grade class on completing the National Novel Writing Month challenge; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Angel Maggio, an English teacher for the Carroll County Middle School eighth-grade class, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the students' hard work and dedication.