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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 216

Offered February 28, 1994

Commending Virginia's power companies.

Patrons—Cross, Andrews, Barry, Bell, Benedetti, Calhoun, Chichester, Colgan, Earley, Gartlan, Goode, Hawkins, Holland, C.A., Holland, E.M., Holland, R.J., Howell, Lambert, Marsh, Martin, Maxwell, Miller, Y.B., Nolen, Norment, Potts, Quayle, Reasor, Robb, Saslaw, Schewel, Stolle, Stosch, Trumbo, Waddell, Walker, Wampler and Woods; Delegates: Abbitt, Albo, Armstrong, Baker, Behm, Bennett, Bloxom, Callahan, Cantor, Clement, Council, Cox, Cranwell, Crouch, Diamonstein, Dickinson, Dillard, Dudley, Fisher, Forbes, Giesen, Griffith, Guest, Hamilton, Hargrove, Harris, Heilig, Howell, Hull, Ingram, Johnson, Katzen, Keating, Kidd, Kilgore, Marshall, May, Mayer, McClure, McDonnell, Miller, Mims, Morgan, Murphy, Nelms, O'Brien, Orrock, Parrish, Purkey, Putney, Reid, Reynolds, Rhodes, Robinson, Rollison, Ruff, Sherwood, Tata, Thomas, Van Yahres, Wagner, Wardrup, Watkins, Way and Wilkins

Unanimous consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Virginia's worst ice storm in the past 85 years pounded the Commonwealth with life-threatening freezing rain, sleet, and ice on Friday, February 11, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the devastation left by the storm was such that a state of emergency was declared; and

WHEREAS, ice-laden trees toppled and collapsed under the weight of the ice, felling record numbers of power lines throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's power companies worked tirelessly, in 16- to 20-hour shifts, to restore power to their customers; and

WHEREAS, in the Northern Neck, the region suffering the worst damage from the storm, Virginia Power called in crews from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Norfolk, Richmond, Petersburg, Alexandria, and Chesapeake to deal with the devastation; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Power Company, Appalachian Power Company, the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative, and 11 other electric cooperatives, facing a labor-intensive situation with significant safety concerns, directed personnel and labor crews who worked feverishly and effectively to restore service to their customers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Virginia Power Company, Appalachian Power Company, the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative, and 11 other electric cooperatives for their determination and perseverance under the most trying of conditions to restore power to their customers in the most efficient and effective manner possible; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Virginia Power Company, Appalachian Power Company, the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative, and 11 other electric cooperatives in recognition of their untiring efforts on behalf of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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