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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 229

Offered February 12, 1998

*Commending Laura Shlesinger.*

Patrons—Ticer, Gartlan, Miller, Y.B., Reynolds and Whipple

Consent to introduce

WHEREAS, Laura Shlesinger, a 13-year-old student at Saint Rita School in Alexandria, has won national recognition for exemplary volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Prudential Insurance Company of America sponsor the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to recognize young people for outstanding, self-initiated community service; and

WHEREAS, Laura Shlesinger was one of only two students in Virginia to earn top recognition, including a silver medallion, a \$1,000 award, and a trip to Washington, D.C. for special recognition events in May of 1998; and

WHEREAS, due to the illness of her uncle, Laura Shlesinger researched the problems of bone-marrow donation, finding that a lack of minority bone-marrow donors has led to a nationwide shortage; and

WHEREAS, through yard sales, plant sales, and raffles, Laura Shlesinger raised over \$1,000, secured a matching grant from the National Institute of Health, and held a bone-marrow drive at an area church with a large Hispanic population; and

WHEREAS, as the result of the efforts of Laura Shlesinger, nearly 100 people attended the bone-marrow drive, and 38 Hispanic people were added to the National Registry; and

WHEREAS, the success of Virginia, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, on the dedication and talents of young people such as Laura Shlesinger; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend Laura Shlesinger for her well-earned recognition by the Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Laura Shlesinger as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and gratitude for her exemplary dedication to community service.

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