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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 330

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*Commending Brittany Yates.*

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WHEREAS, Brittany Yates, a vibrant member of the Bassett community, was named Ms. Wheelchair Virginia 2013 at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville on April 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wheelchair Virginia celebrates the accomplishments of women who have overcome challenges and obstacles and inspires in others the courage and hope to achieve success in their communities; and

WHEREAS, as the winner of the Ms. Wheelchair Virginia Pageant, the largest Ms. Wheelchair program in the country, Brittany Yates works to further the organization's mission to educate, advocate, and raise awareness for the needs of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, during her reign as Ms. Wheelchair Virginia, Brittany Yates has presented her platform, "Taking the Dis out of Disability," at schools throughout the Commonwealth and in Houston, Texas, while representing Virginia at the Ms. Wheelchair America Pageant; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Yates also volunteered at hospitals, worked with local advocacy groups and community service organizations, spoke at churches and motivational seminars, appeared in statewide media, and participated in many events throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Yates served on the Ms. Wheelchair Virginia board of directors and assisted with the organization's program development by coordinating fundraisers and developing important partnerships; and

WHEREAS, working with the Martinsville Henry County Chamber of Commerce, Brittany Yates developed a program identifying businesses that work with and serve people with disabilities; she also helped develop the Disability Rights and Resources program with local Virginia Centers for Independent Living; and

WHEREAS, Brittany Yates will continue to uphold the proud legacy of previous Ms. Wheelchair Virginia titleholders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Brittany Yates on being named Ms. Wheelchair Virginia 2013; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Brittany Yates as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her many achievements and best wishes on future endeavors.

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