HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 206

Commending the Young Achievers Program.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 2020

WHEREAS, the Young Achievers Program, a partnership between the Commonwealth VA Chapter of The Links, Inc., and the Beta Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., develops young leaders in the Richmond area through opportunities for mentorship and service; and

WHEREAS, established by Dr. Jacquelyn Joyner in September 2007 and currently chaired by Margie R. Booker and Geovante Crawford, the Young Achievers Program has helped many young men in

grades nine through 12 build confidence and develop important life skills; and

WHEREAS, in 2018-2019, the Young Achievers Program hosted mentoring sessions twice a month and organized college tours, focusing on historically black colleges and universities, and trips to the Science Museum of Virginia, the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute; and

WHEREAS, the Young Achievers Program included educational components on financial planning, career planning, etiquette and dress, and other skill-building workshops, as well as a service project and

other physical and social activities; and

WHEREAS, the Young Achievers Program has benefited from the hard work of numerous volunteers, and sponsorship by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation has allowed the program to better serve students with a greater number of activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Young Achievers Program hereby be commended

for its work to support, inspire, and empower young people; and, be it

RESOLVED FÜRTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Young Achievers Program as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the program's important service to the Richmond community.