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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 198

Offered March 10, 2022

*Commending Myles Lanier.*

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WHEREAS, Myles Lanier, a student at Manassas Park High School, won the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Oratorical Competition and Program presented by the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Myles Lanier was selected as the winner of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Oratorical Competition and Program by more than 1,000 audience members who tuned into the event via YouTube; and

WHEREAS, speaking to the competition's theme of "Beyond the Dream - Young Voices with Something to Say," Myles Lanier recalled a 23-year-old John Lewis' speech before more than 250,000 demonstrators at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in Washington, D.C., in 1963, emphasizing the importance of youth activism; and

WHEREAS, Myles Lanier also touched on pressing issues of the day affecting young people, including the disproportionate number of deaths of minorities due to COVID-19, declaring that it was time for the nation's leaders to start listening to the country's youth; and

WHEREAS, beyond the competition, Myles Lanier is an accomplished scholar and athlete who has been on the honor roll at Manassas Park High School and has been a member of the school's junior varsity basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Myles Lanier's success is the result of his exceptional oratorical skills and his deep passion and concern for the future of the Commonwealth and the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Myles Lanier hereby be commended for winning the 2021 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Oratorical Competition and Program presented by the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Myles Lanier as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievement and best wishes for his future endeavors.

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