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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 448

Offered February 28, 2002

On the death of Khang Nguyen.

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WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, terrorists launched an inexcusable attack on the United States, causing great destruction and horrible human suffering in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the attack had a devastating effect in Virginia, home of the Pentagon and of many of the personnel, military and civilian, who served there; and

WHEREAS, among the victims of the Pentagon attack was Khang Nguyen of Fairfax, a systems administrator for a Navy contractor at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, when Khang Nguyen was 14, his country of South Vietnam fell to the communists, and in the final chaotic days of the war, his father and two of his siblings escaped to the United States; and

WHEREAS, Khang Nguyen lived with his mother and remaining siblings in poverty until 1981, when Khang Nguyen was reunited with his family in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Khang Nguyen adapted quickly to his adopted country, earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland and working for the Defense Information Systems at the Pentagon for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Khang Nguyen leaves to honor his memory his large and loving family, including his wife and his four-year-old son; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Khang Nguyen, an innocent victim of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Khang Nguyen as an expression of the heartfelt condolences of the General Assembly of Virginia.

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