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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 461

Offered March 4, 2002

On the death of Tom Kennedy.

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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 people killed, injured, or missing; and

WHEREAS, among the victims of the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City was Tom Kennedy, a firefighter with the Fire Department of New York who was among the first responders to the emergency at the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, Tom Kennedy was the son of Bill and Eileen Kennedy of Smith Mountain Lake and was, like his father, a firefighter in New York; and

WHEREAS, Tom Kennedy's company in Division 11, Battalion 32, in Brooklyn, was one of the first to respond to the attack on the World Trade Center, located just across the East River from the company's firehouse in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Tom Kennedy, who lived with his wife, Allison, and their two young children, Michael and James, in Islip Terrace, died trying to help others escape the horrifying destruction at the World Trade Center; 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 Tom Kennedy, a true hero who willingly placed himself in harm's way to assist others; 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 Tom Kennedy as an expression of the heartfelt condolences of the General Assembly of Virginia.

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