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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 163

Offered January 21, 2002

On the death of Commander Robert Allan Schlegel.

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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 Commander Robert Allan Schlegel of Alexandria, a 15-year veteran of service in the United States Navy and the deputy current operations and plans branch head for the Chief of Naval Operations; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Washington and Lee University, Commander Schlegel earned his master's degree from Old Dominion University, was a recipient of the Naval War College diploma, and resided in the Hampton Roads area for nearly 15 years; and

WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished career in the Navy, Commander Schlegel served aboard the USS *Spartanburg County*, the USS *Harry E. Yarnell*, the USS *Scott*, and the USS *Arthur W. Radford*, on which he served as executive officer; and

WHEREAS, among his many decorations, Commander Schlegel earned the Purple Heart, a Meritorious Service Medal, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, Commander Schlegel was a proud part of a Navy family, as his father and two of his brothers also served in the United States Navy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Commander Robert Allan Schlegel, a victim of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Commander Robert Allan Schlegel as an expression of the heartfelt condolences of the General Assembly of Virginia.

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