2005 SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 945

Celebrating the life of Sergeant Krisna Nachampassak.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2005 Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 2005

WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Sergeant Krisna Nachampassak, a resident of Burke and a graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School, died in Iraq while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on July 10, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Krisna Nachampassak was a native of Fairfax County, and his parents came to the United States in 1976 after making their way out of Laos and into a refugee camp; and

WHEREAS, shortly after his 1995 graduation from Lake Braddock Secondary School, Krisna Nachampassak joined the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, following basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, Sergeant Nachampassak attended the Marine Corps' School of Infantry, Motor Transport School, and Service Support School at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, during his career in the Marine Corps, Sergeant Nachampassak earned the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Nachampassak was killed with three other members of the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division in a Humvee accident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, on July 10, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Nachampassak's death is a reminder of the perils faced daily by the thousands of young Americans who serve in our armed forces overseas and whose devotion to duty places them in harm's way; 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 a courageous and patriotic Virginian, Sergeant Krisna Nachampassak; 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 Sergeant Krisna Nachampassak as an expression of the high regard in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of Virginia.