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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 537

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Celebrating the life of Lance Corporal Darrell J. Schumann.

Patrons—Locke and Williams

WHEREAS, United States Marine Lance Corporal Darrell J. Schumann, a resident of Hampton, was killed on January 26, 2005, while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Darrell Schumann was born at the Air Force Academy in Colorado and traveled extensively with his career Air Force parents, graduating from Houston County High School in Georgia in 1997; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Hampton since 1999, Darrell Schumann attended Thomas Nelson Community College until he joined the Marine Corps in 2002, completed basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, and graduated in the top 10 percent of his class at the School of Infantry, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Schumann was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force and had been deployed to Thailand, Okinawa, Japan, and Kuwait in addition to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Schumann was awarded a gold medal in a team pistol match during the Pacific Division competition and earned the National Defense Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2005, the CH-53E in which Lance Corporal Schumann was riding crashed near Ar Rutbah, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Schumann's death is a reminder of the hazards 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 Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of a courageous and patriotic Virginian, Lance Corporal Darrell J. Schumann; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Lance Corporal Darrell J. Schumann 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.

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