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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 325

Offered February 16, 2006

Celebrating the life of Roger Atkinson Kingsbury III.

Patrons—Callahan and Shannon; Senator: Devolites Davis

WHEREAS, Roger Atkinson Kingsbury III, a star high school and college athlete and a former resident of Vienna who was noted for his leadership of numerous youth sports programs, died on January 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a native of Baltimore, Roger Kingsbury grew up in Washington, D.C., where he set scoring records as a member of the Hearst Juniors of the D.C. Recreation League and the basketball teams at Alice Deal Junior High School and St. Albans School for Boys, where he received the Robert Rice Award as the school's best all-around athlete; and

WHEREAS, Roger Kingsbury was captain of the basketball team at St. Albans, scored more than 2,000 points in his high school career, and was the high scorer in the District of Columbia for three successive years; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of 46 college scholarship offers, Roger Kingsbury graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Roger Kingsbury served in the United States Marine Corps from 1952 to 1956, including Korean War service; and

WHEREAS, an analyst for the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, Roger Kingsbury was for many years a resident of Vienna, where he played a key role in the formation of Vienna's first girls' basketball league, which he also served as coach and commissioner; and

WHEREAS, in the 1960s and 1970s, Roger Kingsbury coached baseball in the Vienna Babe Ruth League and was the coach of Vienna-based all-star teams such as the Vienna Little League Giants and Nats and the Vienna Youth Basketball Knicks and Fantastic Featherfoots; and

WHEREAS, Roger Kingsbury was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10420, a 32nd-degree Mason in the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry in Alexandria, a master Mason of Concord Lodge No. 307 in Vienna, and a past member of American Legion Post 180; and

WHEREAS, as an athlete and as a coach and administrator of Vienna's youth sports leagues, Roger Kingsbury profoundly affected the lives of countless young people in the Vienna area; 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 an exceptional Virginian, Roger Atkinson Kingsbury III; 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 Roger Atkinson Kingsbury III as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly.

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