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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 270

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Celebrating the life of First Lieutenant Sarah Katherine Small.

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WHEREAS, United States Air Force First Lieutenant Sarah Katherine Small, a native of Herndon, died on military duty in Egypt on September 19, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Small graduated from Oakton High School and earned a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in leadership studies and communication from the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College; and

WHEREAS, at Oakton High School, Sarah Small served as president of the Oakton High School student association and was homecoming queen in her senior year; she participated in charity fundraising activities, delivered meals to AIDS patients, and volunteered in area elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, a gifted leader in college, Sarah Small served twice as the president of the student senate and was the president of the student government association; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded young woman with a bright future, Sarah Small enjoyed cooking and scuba diving and had recently become an avid cyclist, participating in a three-day bike race to raise money for charity; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Small was a public affairs specialist officer based at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton and was assigned to project Bright Star in the Middle East, where the armed forces of several nations exercise and operate together, learn from each other, and attempt to build trust and friendships which bind militaries together, regardless of their branch of service or nationality; and

WHEREAS, a mentor and supporter of young people as well as a concerned citizen, First Lieutenant Small was active in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization and the Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Small represented the fifth generation of the Small family to serve her country in the military; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Small'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, First Lieutenant Sarah Katherine Small; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of First Lieutenant Sarah Katherine Small as an expression of the high regard in which her memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of Virginia.

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