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Celebrating the life of Staff Sergeant Michael D. Moody, Jr.

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WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Michael D. Moody, Jr., died on June 23, 2007, from wounds suffered when his unit was attacked in Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, born in Maryland, Michael Moody spent his teenage years in Chesterfield County and graduated from Meadowbrook High School in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the son of an Army sergeant, Michael Moody enlisted in 1997 and after completing basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he spent a tour of duty at Schweinfurt, Germany, with a six-month combat deployment to Kosovo, Bosnia; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Moody was a tank commander in the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division and was on his third tour of duty in Iraq at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Moody received two Army Commendation Medals and two Army Achievement Medals during his career, and he was most proud of his recent promotion to staff sergeant; and

WHEREAS, known for his radiant smile and his strong sense of duty, Staff Sergeant Moody will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, his brother, his two young children, and countless other family members, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Moody's death is a reminder of the perils faced daily by the thousands of 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, Staff Sergeant Michael D. Moody, Jr.; 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 Staff Sergeant Michael D. Moody, Jr., as an expression of the high regard in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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