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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 357

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*Celebrating the life of Morgan Dana Harrington.*

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WHEREAS, Morgan Dana Harrington of Roanoke, a beloved young Virginian whose life was full of promise for the future and whose heart was full of love for her family and friends, died at the age of 20 on October 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a native of Charlottesville, Morgan Harrington was born on July 24, 1989, the lovely and spirited daughter of Dr. Dan Harrington and Gil Harrington and the adored sister of her older brother, Alex Harrington; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Lord Botetourt High School in Daleville, Morgan Harrington was a junior and an Education major at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg; and

WHEREAS, a champion of children's rights, Morgan Harrington spent five years volunteering with children who were victims of domestic violence and summers working with campers at Camp Easter Seals in Craig County; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Harrington was wonderful with children, who were drawn to her because of her open and playful personality; she hoped to become a teacher and she would have made an excellent one; and

WHEREAS, "beautiful on the inside and out," Morgan Harrington was very much her own person; she loved fashion, art, and especially music, from Jerry Garcia to the Beatles to Metallica; she also enjoyed traveling and just relaxing at home; and

WHEREAS, in July 2010, Morgan Harrington would have turned 21 years old, an adult, and though she was independent and mature enough to know and speak her mind, she often sought her mother's advice in choosing an outfit for a special occasion and her father's help on math homework; and

WHEREAS, in her brief life, Morgan Harrington touched the lives and hearts of countless people; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Harrington will be fondly remembered for her spontaneous displays of affection and big hugs, her love of life and adventure, and her sparkling blue eyes and brilliant smile that would light up a room; and

WHEREAS, "a shiny, loving, beautiful original," Morgan Harrington will be greatly missed by her family, her numerous friends and admirers, her fellow Hokies at Virginia Tech, and the citizens of the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby celebrate the life of a precious young woman and valued Virginian, Morgan Dana Harrington; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Morgan Dana Harrington's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Dan Harrington, and her brother, Alex Harrington, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.

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