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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 318

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*Celebrating the life of Lance Corporal Cody Steven Childers.*

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WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Cody Steven Childers of Chesapeake was killed in the line of duty on August 20, 2010, in Marjeh, Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, a patriotic young man, Cody Childers grew up wanting to be a Marine and joined the delayed entry program at the beginning of his senior year at Grassfield High School; and

WHEREAS, after successfully undergoing rigorous training, Cody Childers graduated from boot camp at Parris Island in November 2009 and then attended the School of Infantry at Camp Geiger in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Cody Childers was then assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding soldier, Lance Corporal Childers loved serving his country and was proud of the work that the United States Marine Corps was doing in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Childers, known for his signature smile, inspired his fellow Marines with his dedication and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, an active young man who loved being outdoors, Cody Childers enjoyed hunting and fishing with his father in his free time and spending time with family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Cody Childers will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents Wendy and Randy; brother, Ryan; sister, Cassidy; half-brother, Chris; half-sister, Stephanie; fiancée, Megan; and his numerous other family members, friends, and comrades; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Childers' 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 Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of a courageous and patriotic Virginian, Lance Corporal Cody Steven Childers; 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 Cody Steven Childers as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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