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Celebrating the life of United States Army Specialist Douglas J. Green.

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WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Douglas J. Green of Sterling, who was stationed in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, died in the line of duty on August 28, 2011; and

WHEREAS, an extremely popular young man known for his ability to make others laugh, Douglas Green grew up in the Northern Virginia area and graduated from Potomac Falls High School; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Green made many friends while in high school and participated in numerous school organizations and teams, playing football, taking part in drama productions and the show choir, serving as president of the Unity Club, and performing in the school's production of *Footloose*; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Green also volunteered at the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Green possessed a selfless spirit and a strong desire to be of service to others, it came as no surprise then to many when, after graduation, he decided to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, admired by his leaders for his dedication, Douglas Green made friends among his fellow soldiers easily and used his sense of humor to help diffuse tension in stressful situations while serving a tour of duty in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, when on leave, Douglas Green would return to his high school alma mater and share his experiences as a soldier with students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Green became a Big Brother to a little boy in Fairbanks, Alaska, in between his tours; and

WHEREAS, a member of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, based in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, Douglas Green arrived in Afghanistan in April of 2011; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2011, Specialist Green's unit, stationed in the Kandahar province, came under attack by small arms fire; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Green's death is a solemn 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; and

WHEREAS, a man of integrity and honor, Douglas Green will be forever remembered and greatly missed by his loving family, many friends, and fellow soldiers; 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 United States Army Specialist Douglas J. Green; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of United States Army Specialist Douglas J. Green as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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