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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 226

Offered March 2, 2012

*Celebrating the life of Captain Michael M. Quin.*

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WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Captain Michael M. Quin of Purcellville died in the line of duty on February 22, 2012; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Michael Quin evidenced the strength of character and love of flying that would mark his years at the United States Naval Academy and his service in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Michael Quin grew up in Easton, Pennsylvania, became an Eagle Scout, played varsity soccer, belonged to the track and field team, and was a member of the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, during his sophomore year of high school, Michael Quin's family moved to Purcellville, where he continued to excel in all of his endeavors at Loudoun Valley High School and made many new friends; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, Michael Quin watched as the nation came under attack; his resolve and determination to be of service to his country culminated in his mailing his application to the United States Naval Academy that same day; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the United States Naval Academy, Michael Quin attended flight school and was "winged" as a naval aviator, fulfilling a lifelong dream; and

WHEREAS, a member of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron, HMLA 469, based at Camp Pendleton, California, Captain Quin was to be deployed to Afghanistan in the spring; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary Marine who embodied the highest traditions of the Corps, Captain Quin led by example and earned the respect of his fellow Marines for his loyalty and commitment to his country; and

WHEREAS, Captain Quin's death is a reminder of the perils faced daily by the thousands of Americans who serve in our armed forces and whose devotion to duty places them in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, Michael Quin will be greatly missed by his parents, Bradley and Betsy; fiancée, Kate; siblings, Phoebe and Sarah; numerous other family members and friends; and fellow Marines; 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, United States Marine Corps Captain Michael M. Quin; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Captain Michael M. Quin as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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