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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 332

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Celebrating the lives of the United States Navy SEALs and Naval Special Warfare operators lost in the Global War on Terrorism.

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WHEREAS, from October 7, 2001, to the present, 86 United States Navy SEALs and Naval Special Warfare operators have died as a result of the Global War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, with a proud legacy that can be traced back to World War II, United States Navy SEALs are named for their ability to deploy by sea, air, and land, and they serve throughout the globe, no matter the climate, conditions, or mission; and

WHEREAS, often facing extreme odds, United States Navy SEALs operate beyond the reach of support and reinforcements to carry out sensitive operations; adhering to a mentality to train as you fight, United States Navy SEALs participate in some of the most rigorous and demanding training exercises in the world; and

WHEREAS, every United States Navy SEAL and Naval Special Warfare operator voluntarily accepts the inherent hazards of his profession, with full knowledge of the demands of his chosen way of life; this community has lost many men during training and in combat, both at home and on foreign shores; and

WHEREAS, each of these 86 United States Navy SEALs and Naval Special Warfare operators were quiet professionals who sought no praise or fanfare for their tremendous sacrifices and gallant deeds, and whose dreams, hopes, aspirations, and full achievements may never be known to the public; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate sacrifice paid by these men is a stark reminder of the dangers faced by all members of the United States Armed Forces who step into harm's way each day in service to this great nation; and

WHEREAS, these 86 United States Navy SEALs and Naval Special Warfare operators will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by their wives, children, parents, family members, friends, and comrades, each of whom respects and honors their noble service; 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 the United States Navy SEALs and Naval Special Warfare operators lost in the Global War on Terrorism; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the families of Jonathan H. Kaloust, Brett Shadle, Christian Michael Pike, Matthew Leathers, Job Price, Nicolas D. Checque, Kevin R. Ebbert, Mathew G. Kantor, Dion R. Roberts, David J. Warsen, Patrick D. Feeks, Thomas C. Fouke, Caleb A. Nelson, Thomas Ratzlaff, Stephen Mills, Robert Reeves, Nicholas Spehar, Nicholas Null, Michael Strange, Matthew Mason, Louis Langlais, Kraig Vickers, Kevin Houston, Jonas Kelsall, Jon Tumilson, John Faas, John Douangdara, Jesse Pittman, Jason Workman, Jared Day, Heath Robinson, Darrik Benson, Christopher Campbell, Brian Bill, Aaron Vaughn, Tyler Stimson, Ronald Woodle, Denis Christopher Miranda, David Blake McLendon, Collin Thomas, Brendan John Looney, Adam Olin Smith, Adam Brown, Tyler J. Trahan, Ryan Job, Eric F. Shellenberger, Andrew J. Lightner, Thomas J. Valentine, Shapoor Ghane, Nathan Hardy, Michael Koch, Luis Souffront, Lance M. Vaccaro, Joshua Thomas Harris, John W. Marcum, Jason R. Freiwald, Steven P. Daugherty, Robert R. McRill, Mark T. Carter, Joseph Clark Schwedler, Jason D. Lewis, Freddie Porter, Michael A. Monsoor, Marc A. Lee, Luis Guitierrez, Shane E. Patton, Michael P. Murphy, Michael M. McGreevy, Jr., Matthew G. Axelson, Jeffrey S. Taylor, Jeffrey A. Lucas, James Suh, Jacques J. Fontan, Erik S. Kristensen, Danny P. Dietz, Daniel R. Healy, Theodore D. Fitzhenry, Robert P. Vetter, Brian J. Ouellette, Thomas E. Retzer, Mario Maestas, David M. Tapper, Peter G. Oswald, Neil C. Roberts, Matthew J. Bourgeois, and Jerry Pope as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for their memory.

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