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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 174

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Celebrating the life of Dana Jay Gant.

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WHEREAS, Dana Jay Gant, a loving husband and father, a man of faith, a retired officer in the United States Navy, an emergency management officer at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, and a member of the Hampton Roads community, died on November 15, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dana Gant was a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, and a graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School; he earned an undergraduate degree from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, and a master's degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Dana Gant enlisted in the United States Navy and became a hospital corpsman; two years later, he was commissioned as an officer in the Navy Medical Service Corps; he proudly served in the nation's military until 1996, when he retired with the rank of lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Dana Gant became a civil service employee; one of his many achievements was being named Civilian of the Year in 2006 while employed by the Joint Task Force-Civil Support of the United States Northern Command; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Dana Gant was serving as an emergency management officer at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Dana Gant enjoyed fellowship and worship at Calvary Revival Church in Norfolk; he volunteered in many ways and was involved with the parking lot ministry and Christian education, and was a care group leader; and

WHEREAS, a man of many abilities, Dana Gant taught chemistry and biology at Calvary Christian Academy, and over the years he tutored and was a mentor to many young people; and

WHEREAS, Dana Gant will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Rhonda; daughter, Tamika, and her family; and many other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Dana Jay Gant of the Hampton Roads area, a loving husband and father, a man of faith, a retired officer in the United States Navy, and an emergency management officer at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Dana Jay Gant as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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