

2015 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 318

Celebrating the life of Lieutenant J. Wesley Van Dorn.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 5, 2015

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 13, 2015

WHEREAS, Lieutenant J. Wesley Van Dorn, a devoted husband and father and a skilled United States Navy pilot who was proud to serve his country, died in the line of duty on January 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greensboro, North Carolina, Wesley Van Dorn graduated from Southeast Guilford High School, where he earned numerous academic honors and was a member of the tennis, lacrosse, and soccer teams; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Van Dorn attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and studied at the United States Military Academy; he graduated from the United States Naval Academy, where he had served on the honor council and was a standout member of the rugby team; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Van Dorn was assigned to Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron 14, based out of Norfolk; he had deployed to the Republic of Korea and Bahrain, where he and his team worked to serve and safeguard military and civilian sailors; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader, Lieutenant Van Dorn was preparing to take on new responsibilities as a flight instructor; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Van Dorn made the ultimate sacrifice while piloting an MH-53 Sea Dragon off the coast of Virginia during a training mission; and

WHEREAS, a devout man, Lieutenant Van Dorn lived his faith through his actions; he was admired for his compassion, strength, integrity, and ability to spread joy to everyone he met; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Van Dorn will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife, Nicole; sons, Jaxton and Maddox; parents, Mark and Susan; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow service members; 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 Lieutenant J. Wesley Van Dorn; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Lieutenant J. Wesley Van Dorn as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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