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Celebrating the life of Adam Ward.

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WHEREAS, Adam Ward, a hardworking journalist who helped bring the news into the homes of his fellow Roanoke Valley residents as a field cameraman, died on August 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Adam Ward grew up in Botetourt County, but from a young age he cultivated a love for the athletics programs at Salem High School, where his father served as a guidance counselor; and

WHEREAS, while attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Adam Ward became a lifelong Hokies fan and discovered his passion for journalism; he worked as an intern for the Greg Roberts Radio Show on CBS-affiliate WDBJ-7, where he began his career after graduation; and

WHEREAS, a respected member of the WDBJ team, Adam Ward worked in the production department and served as a studio camera operator before becoming a field cameraman; he relished the opportunity to show, as well as tell, the stories of his fellow Roanoke Valley residents; and

WHEREAS, well known in the community as a loyal and loving friend, Adam Ward lived his life to the fullest and spread joy to others with his bright smile and positive nature; and

WHEREAS, Adam Ward will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his fiancée, Melissa; parents, Buddy and Mary; siblings, Sarah and Jay, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Adam Ward, a dedicated journalist and cameraman and a beloved member of the Roanoke Valley community; 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 Adam Ward as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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