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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 974

Offered February 15, 2017

Celebrating the life of Senior Chief Petty Officer Scott C. Dayton.

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WHEREAS, United States Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Scott C. Dayton of Woodbridge, who served 23 years on active duty, died November 24, 2016, while serving with the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Dayton was assigned to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Two, which is based in Virginia Beach; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Dayton joined the Navy in 1993; he attended boot camp in Orlando, Florida, then did back-to-back decommissioning crew tours of two ammunition ships; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Dayton was a pre-commission crewmember of the guided-missile destroyer USS *Cole*; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Dayton's qualifications included Enlisted Explosive Ordnance Disposal Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Dayton entered the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Program in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Dayton served with EOD Mobile Unit 12, EOD Training and Evaluation Unit 2 at Fort Story in Virginia Beach, then EOD Mobile Unit Two; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Dayton made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in northern Syria, after sustaining wounds in a blast from an improvised explosive device; and

WHEREAS, during his service, Senior Chief Dayton received 21 awards including two Bronze Stars (one with the V Device), the Purple Heart, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, two Iraq Campaign Medals, and the Combat Action Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Dayton will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Kristin; children, Hailey and Cole; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 a courageous and patriotic Virginian, Senior Chief Petty Officer Scott C. Dayton; 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 Senior Chief Petty Officer Scott C. Dayton as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and his supreme sacrifice made in service to his country.

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