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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 53**

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*Celebrating the life of Leonard Anthony Schultz.*

Patrons—Keam; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, Leonard Anthony Schultz, a devoted father and husband, and the beloved football coach at James Madison High School in Vienna, died on June 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born in Philadelphia, Leonard "Lenny" Anthony Schultz attended high school in New Jersey before transferring to James Madison High School; he was a standout performer on the football and wrestling teams and was later inducted into the school's athletic hall of fame; and

WHEREAS, after playing football at North Carolina State University and working in the manufacturing business, Lenny Schultz returned home to his alma mater, James Madison High School, in 2004 and began a new career as a special education teacher and assistant football coach; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Lenny Schultz got his dream job when he was chosen as the James Madison High School Warhawks' head football coach; he was so dedicated to his team that he wore the Warhawks' black and red colors every day; and

WHEREAS, Lenny Schultz built the James Madison Warhawks into a football powerhouse; the team finished with a 9 - 2 record in 2015 and advanced to the region playoffs and went 11 - 2 in 2016 and progressed to the region semifinal; and

WHEREAS, along with his impressive results on the gridiron, Lenny Schultz earned the love and respect of his teams for his infectious energy and commitment to his players; during the James Madison Warhawks' season opener in 2017, the team honored Schultz's memory by wearing stickers on their helmets featuring his initials and college football number; and

WHEREAS, off the field, Lenny Schultz loved spending time with his family and fishing on his boat in the Chesapeake Bay; and

WHEREAS, Lenny Schultz will be fondly remembered by his children, Benjamin and Holly; his wife, Charissa, and her daughters, Addisan, Roberta, and Michala; and countless other family members, friends, and members of the James Madison High School community; 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 Leonard Anthony Schultz, a dedicated coach and teacher; 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 Leonard Anthony Schultz as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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