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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 50 Offered February 1, 2018

Commending Second Lieutenant Drew Borinstein, USMC.

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WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Drew Borinstein, USMC, an inspirational young leader, was named valedictorian of the Virginia Military Institute Class of 2017; and

WHEREAS, a native of rural Shelbyville, Indiana, Drew Borinstein learned the value of hard work and responsibility at a young age and enrolled at Virginia Military Institute to pursue his goal of serving the nation in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, a model student, Drew Borinstein was a math major who served on the Honor Court and was the commander of Echo Company in his fourth year; after completing the United States Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, he became one of 147 students in his class of 320 to accept military commissions; and

WHEREAS, while at Virginia Military Institute, Drew Borinstein overcame great personal adversity after the tragic deaths of his father, mother, brother, and sister; and

WHEREAS, finding strength in his faith and dedication to duty, Drew Borinstein completed his academic work with honors and inspired others, including his fellow cadets and his surviving brother, Beau, through his resolve; and

WHEREAS, Drew Borinstein was elected as valedictorian by his classmates; during his speech at graduation, he lauded his fellow cadets as pillars of stability in an uncertain world, who have the unique opportunity to use the discipline and integrity learned at Virginia Military Institute to make their communities a better place; and

WHEREAS, Drew Borinstein urged his classmates not to allow their graduation from Virginia Military Institute to be the culminating event of their lives and instead to focus on setting lofty goals and striving for excellence in all of their endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Second Lieutenant Drew Borinstein, USMC, hereby be commended on being named valedictorian of the Virginia Military Institute Class of 2017; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Second Lieutenant Drew Borinstein, USMC, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his perseverance.