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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 93

Offered January 30, 2018

Celebrating the life of Captain Walter S. Pullar III, USN, Ret.

Patrons—DeSteph, Barker, Black, Carrico, Chafin, Chase, Cosgrove, Dance, Deeds, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougle, McPike, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant, Suetterlein, Surovell, Vogel, Wagner and Wexton; Delegate: McGuire

WHEREAS, Captain Walter S. Pullar III, USN, Ret., a decorated Navy SEAL and a devoted husband, father, son, and friend in the Virginia Beach community, died on June 10, 2017; and WHEREAS, a native of Beaufort, South Carolina, Walter "Walt" Pullar graduated from Duke

WHEREAS, a native of Beaufort, South Carolina, Walter "Walt" Pullar graduated from Duke University in 1979, then answered the call to serve the nation as a member of the United States Navy and its elite SEAL teams; and

WHEREAS, Walt Pullar was a standout in his Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training class; throughout his career, he was passionately committed to Naval Special Warfare and a valued member of the special operations community; and

WHEREAS, as commanding officer of SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE, Special Boat Squadron TWO, and Naval Special Warfare Group THREE, Walt Pullar earned respect and admiration for his exceptional work ethic and comprehensive leadership style; and

WHEREAS, Walt Pullar worked to enhance Naval Special Warfare's surface and subsurface capabilities; his ability to bring creative, effective solutions to any problem served him well during Operation Iraqi Freedom, when he helped plan and successfully execute a five-target operation in the opening days of the conflict; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his meritorious service to the United States and his legacy of contributions to the special operations community, Walt Pullar received many awards and commendations, including the Bronze Star Medal; and

WHEREAS, an attentive husband and an adoring father, Walt Pullar loved spending time with his family most of all and relished opportunities to take skiing trips or attend sports games; he was also a trusted friend who went to any length to help a teammate in need; and

WHEREAS, Walt Pullar will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Susan; children, Walter IV and Anna; father, Walter, Jr.; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow veterans; 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 Captain Walter S. Pullar III, USN, Ret., a Navy SEAL and a highly admired member of the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Captain Walter S. Pullar III, USN, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.