

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 271

Celebrating the life of Sergeant First Class Joshua Zachary Beale, USA.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2019

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Joshua Zachary Beale, USA, a Virginia native who served his country as a member of the elite Green Berets, was killed in action on January 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Zachary "Zach" Beale earned a bachelor's degree from Old Dominion University in 2008 and enlisted in the United States Army in 2011; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the United States Army Airborne School, Zach Beale participated in the rigorous Special Forces Qualification Course and was subsequently assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, a talented and dedicated soldier, Zach Beale deployed on four overseas tours, including three tours to Afghanistan, and furthered his training in the Advanced Leader Course, Special Forces Sniper Course, and Army Ranger School; and

WHEREAS, Zach Beale made the ultimate sacrifice while supporting combat operations in the Uruzgan Province of Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished military career, Zach Beale earned three Bronze Star Medals, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal, among other awards and decorations; and

WHEREAS, Zach Beale enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of James River Community Church in Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, Zach Beale will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Lindsey; his daughters, Leah and Grace; his parents, Robert and Sheree; his brothers, Jesse and Jacob; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Sergeant First Class Joshua Zachary Beale, USA; 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 Sergeant First Class Joshua Zachary Beale, USA, as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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