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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 323**

Offered February 18, 2019

Celebrating the life of Master Sergeant Jerre S. Thomas II, USMC, Ret.

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WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Jerre S. Thomas II, USMC, Ret., a patriotic veteran, talented photographer and graphic artist, and respected member of the Quantico Town Council, died on April 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of York, Pennsylvania, Jerre Thomas served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps for 20 years, covering national news with the military press corps at the White House during the presidencies of George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Jerre Thomas subsequently became a master instructor of photography and trained hundreds of Marines in photography and videography until his retirement in 2000; after his honorable military service, he worked for the Department of Defense as chief of audiovisual services for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency; and

WHEREAS, well-known for his leadership ability and dedication to his fellow Quantico residents, Jerre Thomas ran for and was elected as a member of the Quantico Town Council, where he made numerous contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, Jerre Thomas will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Allison, Justin, and Nathaniel, and their families; his partner of eight years, Abigail, and her daughter, Esme; his mother, Francine; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Master Sergeant Jerre S. Thomas II, USMC, Ret.; 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 Master Sergeant Jerre S. Thomas II, USMC, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.