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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 350

Offered January 31, 2019

Celebrating the life of Captain Charles M. Heron, USN, Ret.

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WHEREAS, Captain Charles M. Heron, USN, Ret., a former United States Navy SEAL who inspired others through his deep and abiding faith, died on September 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Charles "Chaz" Heron grew up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from Father Judge High School; he continued his education at West Chester University and the Naval Postgraduate School; and

WHEREAS, Chaz Heron served his country with the United States Navy on active duty for nearly 30 years and for an additional six years as a civilian; as a member of the elite Navy SEALs, he earned a reputation as a decisive leader, a humble team player, and a faithful friend; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his lifetime of meritorious service, Chaz Heron was inducted into the United States Special Operations Command Commando Hall of Honor in April 2018; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a servant's heart, Chaz Heron led by example and worked tirelessly to support his family and his community; he was guided by his devout faith in all his actions and enjoyed fellowship and worship with the congregation of Grace Bible Church; and

WHEREAS, Chaz Heron will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by his wife of 28 years, Rochelle; his sons, Casey and Carter, and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Charles M. Heron, USN, Ret., a distinguished veteran 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 Charles M. Heron, USN, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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