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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108

Offered February 1, 2021

Celebrating the life of Bryan Wayne Galentine.

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WHEREAS, Bryan Wayne Galentine, an accomplished singer-songwriter and tireless advocate for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis patients and their families, died on October 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by family, friends, and fans as "Bryan Wayne" or "BWayne," Bryan Galentine wrote the hit song "What If She's an Angel" recorded by Tommy Shane Steiner, which reached number 2 on the *Billboard* Hot Country Singles and Tracks chart in May 2002, and several other works for artists such as Big & Rich, Chris Cagle, Clay Walker, Rodney Carrington, Jason Blaine, and more; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Galentine cemented his legacy in the Nashville scene with his debut solo album, *While You Wait*, released in November 2018, which will endear him to fans new and old for years to come; and

WHEREAS, diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in 2017, Bryan Galentine became a forceful advocate for ALS awareness and promoted greater understanding of the illness, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, through various initiatives; and

WHEREAS, as cofounder of LG4Day, Bryan Galentine led a grassroots movement to encourage Major League Baseball to adopt an annual Lou Gehrig Day to honor the former star and bring attention to ALS; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, it was confirmed that Major League Baseball will hold its first annual Lou Gehrig Day on June 2, 2021, an event that will serve as a lasting testament to Bryan Galentine's contributions to the cause; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Galentine also furthered ALS awareness by serving as an advisory board member with I AM ALS, a national advocacy organization, and through inspirational media outreach like his "Find the Good Stuff" Facebook page; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Galentine will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Staci; his children, Grayson and Bennett; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Bryan Wayne Galentine, a respected singer-songwriter and health advocate whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Bryan Wayne Galentine as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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