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Offered August 4, 2021

Celebrating the life of Officer Gunther Paul Hashida.

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WHEREAS, Officer Gunther Paul Hashida, a dedicated member of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, died on July 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Gunther Hashida was driven to serve and protect members of the public and joined the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Gunther Hashida served as a member of the Emergency Response Team of the department's Special Operations Division and demonstrated valor above and beyond the call of duty in responding to the attempted insurrection at the United States Capitol Building on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, more than protecting the Capitol Building and members of the United States Congress, Gunther Hashida selflessly defended the democratic ideals and founding institutions of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Gunther Hashida earned several awards and decorations throughout his distinguished career, including the Officer of the Year award in 2011, a Lifesaving Medal in 2015, and an Achievement Medal and a Medal of Valor in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Gunther Hashida was a loving husband and father and will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 17 years, Romelia; his children, Victoria, Gunther, Jr., and Josh; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow law-enforcement officers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Officer Gunther Paul Hashida, a courageous law-enforcement officer; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Officer Gunther Paul Hashida as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.