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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 647

Offered February 9, 2023

Celebrating the life of Braylon Edward Meade.

Patrons—Sullivan, Bennett-Parker, Hope, Lopez and Murphy; Senators: Favola, Ebbin and Howell

WHEREAS, Braylon Edward Meade, a 17-year-old student at Washington-Liberty High School, who was an inspirational member of the Arlington community and a beloved son, brother, and friend, died on November 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Braylon Meade was a diligent student who maintained a 4.3 grade point average at Washington-Liberty High School, where he was pursuing an International Baccalaureate diploma; and

WHEREAS, Braylon Meade volunteered his time to tutor younger students in mathematics, and he was a mentor for students learning English as a second language in the Readers for Leaders program at Barrett Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Braylon Meade was a talented multisport athlete, who ran on the Washington-Liberty High School cross country team as a freshman and was a member of the varsity football and basketball teams; and

WHEREAS, Braylon Meade served as a coach for a recreational basketball league, and as co-president of Hoops for Cancer, he organized a basketball tournament that raised money for melanoma research; and

WHEREAS, for more than 10 years, Braylon Meade also participated in swim events at Donaldson Run Recreation Association; he helped set an association record in the 200-meter freestyle relay for boys age 13 to 14, and he worked there as a lifeguard for two summers; and

WHEREAS, Braylon Meade was an active member of DECA, a nonprofit business association that helps students learn about entrepreneurship, and he created a website to sell vintage LEGO sets; and

WHEREAS, Braylon Meade enjoyed fellowship and worship with the Arlington community as a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Braylon Meade brought joy to others with his kindness, generosity, compassion, and sense of humor, and he touched countless lives in the community through his commitment to servant leadership; and

WHEREAS, Braylon Meade will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Rose Mary Kehoe and Kris David Meade; his siblings, Bryan Kehoe Meade and Kerry Ruth Meade; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Braylon Edward Meade; 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 Braylon Edward Meade as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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