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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 413

Offered February 20, 2023

Celebrating the life of Devin Keith Chandler.

Patrons—Deeds, Barker, Bell, Boysko, Chase, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hackworth, Hanger, Hashmi, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougale, McPike, Morrissey, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Pillion, Reeves, Rouse, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Suetterlein, Surovell and Vogel; Delegates: Carr, Filler-Corn, Guzman, Hayes, Hope, Kory, Lopez, Maldonado, Murphy, Rasoul, Shin, Simonds, Ware, Watts and Willett

WHEREAS, Devin Keith Chandler of Virginia Beach, a highly admired member of the University of Virginia community, died on November 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Devin Chandler was born to a military family and moved often in his youth, following his father to different postings for the United States Navy in Japan, Hawaii, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a talented multisport athlete, Devin Chandler played as wide receiver and defensive back on the football team at Arlington High School in Tennessee and was also the state track and field runner-up in the 110-meter hurdles event in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Devin Chandler transferred to William Amos Hough High School in North Carolina during his senior year and finished his high school football career with 128 receptions for 2,391 yards, as well as 33 touchdowns and seven interceptions; and

WHEREAS, Devin Chandler attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he continued to excel in football as a wide receiver and kickoff returner; in 2020, he had two catches for 28 yards and returned six kickoffs for 156 yards, including a 59-yard return in the Duke's Mayo Bowl, and in 2021, he returned four kicks for 85 yards; and

WHEREAS, Devin Chandler transferred to the University of Virginia in December 2021 and was looking forward to contributing to the Cavaliers' football program; and

WHEREAS, Devin Chandler hoped to pursue a career in professional football, and he received a posthumous bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary-American Studies from the University of Virginia; he brought joy to others through his kindness, compassion, infectious smile, and love of music; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his father, Quentin, Sr., Devin Chandler relished every opportunity to care for his beloved family; he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his mother, Dalayna; his brother, Quentin, Jr.; his beautiful nieces, Zion and Jada; and a host of family members, friends, and teammates; 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 Devin Keith Chandler; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Devin Keith Chandler as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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