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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 327

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Celebrating the life of Lieutenant Leonard M. Cowherd III.

Patrons—Houck; Delegate: Scott, E.T.

WHEREAS, United States Army Second Lieutenant Leonard M. Cowherd III, a resident of Culpeper County, was killed in action in Iraq on May 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Culpeper County and a graduate of Wakefield Country Day School in Rappahannock County, Leonard Cowherd was a 2003 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point; and

WHEREAS, commissioned a second lieutenant following graduation from West Point, Leonard Cowherd was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for five months of tank training, where he graduated third in his class; and

WHEREAS, deployed first to Germany on January 1, 2004, Lieutenant Cowherd was assigned to Iraq in late January as part of the Army's Company C, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division; and

WHEREAS, a platoon leader, Lieutenant Cowherd was in charge of four tanks and 16 troops; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Cowherd was leading his platoon in the Iraqi city of Karbala when he was killed by sniper fire while securing the area near the Mukhayam Mosque; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Cowherd's death is a reminder of the hazards faced daily by the thousands of young Americans who serve in our armed forces overseas and whose devotion to duty places them in harm's way; 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 a courageous and patriotic Virginian, Lieutenant Leonard M. Cowherd III; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Lieutenant Leonard M. Cowherd III as an expression of the high regard in which his memory is held by the members of the General Assembly and the citizens of Virginia.

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