## **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 33**

Celebrating the life of Ensign James Randolph Motley McMurtry.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 2005

WHEREAS, United States Navy Ensign James Randolph Motley McMurtry, born on September 27, 1980, in Detroit, Michigan, died suddenly on February 8, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, reared and nurtured by loving parents, James Randolph Motley McMurtry enjoyed the warmth and support of an extended family in Virginia with whom he visited regularly; and

WHEREAS, James Randolph Motley McMurtry graduated from The Harrisburg Academy in Wormleysburg, Pennsylvania, where he excelled academically and lettered in lacrosse, basketball, and tennis; and

WHEREAS, he continued his education at the United States Naval Academy, where he served as platoon commander, drill sergeant, and drill officer, and after graduation in 2003, he was assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the National Military Command Center at the Pentagon until his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, James Randolph Motley McMurtry was a quiet, purposeful, and respectful young man whose gentle spirit, jovial disposition, and quiet sense of humor are remembered and cherished by all who worked for and with him; and

WHEREAS, James Randolph Motley McMurtry accomplished much during his brief life and was loved and respected by all; and

WHEREAS, his legacy of faith and determination to pursue excellence in all of his endeavors is worthy of emulation and provides comfort and inspiration to those he leaves to cherish his memory; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Ensign James Randolph Motley McMurtry; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Ensign James Randolph Motley McMurtry as an expression of the respect in which his memory is held by the members of the Senate and the citizens of Virginia.