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Celebrating the life of Private First Class Lee Arthur Lewis Jr.

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WHEREAS, United States Army Private First Class Lee Arthur Lewis Jr., a resident of Norfolk, was killed in action in Sadr City, Iraq, on March 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Lee Lewis attended Hampton Public Schools, graduated from Kecoughtan High School, and attended Virginia State University and Old Dominion University with aspirations to become a sports physical therapist; and

WHEREAS, a versatile and accomplished athlete, Lee Lewis participated in football, basketball, track, and soccer in school, as well as in the Foxhill Athletic Association, Phillips Athletic Association, and the East Hampton Athletic Association; he was also an assistant soccer and basketball coach for youth; and

WHEREAS, Lee Lewis sang in the choir of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and was an active volunteer through high school, often preparing dinner at the church for area disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Lewis served as a medic with the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division based at Fort Stewart, Georgia, and had been deployed to Iraq in January 2005; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2005, Private First Class Lewis was killed in the line of duty while on patrol with his unit in a dangerous and unstable neighborhood in Sadr City; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Lewis was honored with the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Good Conduct Medal; he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, the 125th service member killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom to be buried there; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Lewis was devoted to his parents, his sister, and other family members and relatives and, especially, his beloved wife and young stepdaughter, who he planned to adopt when he returned home; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Lewis' 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, Private First Class Lee Arthur Lewis Jr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Private First Class Lee Arthur Lewis Jr. 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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