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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 421

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Celebrating the life of Lance Corporal Daniel Ryan Bennett.

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WHEREAS, United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Daniel Ryan Bennett, a resident of Clifton, died on January 11, 2009, while valiantly serving his country in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, a hard-working and dedicated student, Daniel Bennett attended St. Timothy School through eighth grade and then attended high school at The Hyde School in Connecticut, where he lettered in varsity lacrosse, football, and wrestling; and

WHEREAS, following a proud family tradition of military service, Daniel Bennett joined the United States Marine Corps in June 2006 and left for boot camp at Parris Island to receive his initial military training; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Daniel Bennett served as a bodyguard in the Personnel Security Division and was assigned to the H & S Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, which is based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and brave soldier, Lance Corporal Daniel Bennett served two tours of duty overseas, participating in both Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Daniel Bennett was buried in Arlington National Cemetery, near his grandmother, an Army nurse from World War II; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Daniel Bennett was devoted to his parents, Jim and Veronica; his brother, Dave; his sisters, Colleen and Laura; his fiancée, Nicolle; and his numerous other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Daniel Bennett's death is a reminder of the hazards faced daily by the thousands of 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, Lance Corporal Daniel Ryan Bennett; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Lance Corporal Daniel Ryan Bennett 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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