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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 230

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Celebrating the life of Robert Horvath.

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WHEREAS, Robert Horvath, who mentored and inspired countless youth as an educator and martial arts instructor in the Williamsburg area, died on December 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a proud native of New York, Robert Horvath relocated to the Commonwealth to pursue a career in education; he worked in York County before joining Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools as a special education teacher; and

WHEREAS, a devoted educator, Robert Horvath enjoyed providing new opportunities for his students and helping them achieve their fullest potential; he led a program at Jamestown High School that provided seniors with hands-on learning and information about careers; and

WHEREAS, Robert Horvath further served local community members as a martial arts instructor for 20 years, including at The College of William & Mary; he proudly imparted the values of discipline and self-esteem to his students, as well as self-defense techniques; and

WHEREAS, Robert Horvath specialized in Judo, a Japanese martial art focusing on throws and grappling; he was also an avid movie-goer and was a particular fan of stylish superspy James Bond, who was originally envisioned as a Judo expert by creator Ian Fleming; and

WHEREAS, Robert Horvath will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Trisha; son, Tyler; and numerous other family members, friends, and former students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Robert Horvath, a passionate educator and martial arts instructor in the Williamsburg area; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Robert Horvath as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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