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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 201

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Celebrating the life of Chief Petty Officer Louge Gunn, USN, Ret.

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WHEREAS, Chief Petty Officer Louge Gunn, USN, Ret., of Norfolk, a patriotic veteran and a devoted community leader who worked to support his fellow soldiers, died on February 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Portsmouth, Louge Gunn graduated from I. C. Norcom High School, where he played drums in the marching band; desirous to be of service to his country, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1972; and

WHEREAS, during his 21-year military career, Louge Gunn served aboard the USS *Independence*, USS *Canisteo*, USS *Puget Sound*, USS *Seattle*, USS *Piedmont*, USS *Theodore Roosevelt*, and USNS *Comfort*, often working in the ship's store; he also served during the first Gulf War, earning numerous awards and decorations; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the United States Navy in 1993, Louge Gunn earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Norfolk State University and pursued a career as a counselor, mentor, and advocate for his fellow veterans with the Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs and United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Louge Gunn retired from his professional career in 2009, but he remained an active member of American Legion Post 190 and Chapter 21 of Disabled American Veterans; he touched countless lives by helping veterans transition back to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, a man who lived his faith through his actions, Louge Gunn enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a member of the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by one son, Cherone, Louge Gunn will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 43 years, Mona; children, Keith, Anton, Jamal, and Jason, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Chief Petty Officer Louge Gunn, USN, Ret., a patriotic Virginian who worked to honor the service and sacrifices of his fellow veterans; 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 Chief Petty Officer Louge Gunn, USN, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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