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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 369

Offered February 3, 2017

Celebrating the life of Trooper Chad Phillip Dermyer.

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WHEREAS, Trooper Chad Phillip Dermyer, a dedicated and highly respected law-enforcement officer with the Virginia State Police, was killed in the line of duty on March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Michigan, Trooper Dermyer proudly served the nation as a decorated member of the United States Marine Corps for four years, then began his law-enforcement career with the Jackson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dermyer relocated to the Commonwealth and joined the Newport News Police Department, then graduated from the Virginia State Police Academy as a member of the 122nd Basic Session on November 21, 2014; upon graduating, he was assigned to Area 46 in the Chesapeake Division to patrol the cities of Hampton and Newport News; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Trooper Dermyer was selected for the Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Interdiction (CCI) Unit's Area 61 Team; and

WHEREAS, while taking part in a training exercise at the Richmond bus terminal with his fellow CCI officers, Trooper Dermyer approached a suspicious male subject, who subsequently shot and killed Trooper Dermyer; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dermyer was a man of great character and integrity, who demonstrated tremendous commitment to serving and protecting the residents of and visitors to the Commonwealth in his capacity as one of Virginia's Finest; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Gloucester County, Trooper Dermyer was known by many within the community for his valiant, selfless actions and his determination to make a difference in the lives of others both on and off duty; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Dermyer will be fondly remembered and forever missed by his wife, Michelle; his children, Page and Phillip; his mother, Anne Barnett, and her husband, Scott; his father, John, and his wife, Chris; and by his siblings, grandparents, numerous other family members, friends, and fellow public safety officers nationwide; 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 Trooper Chad Phillip Dermyer, a revered public safety professional; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Trooper Chad Phillip Dermyer as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and years of service to the Commonwealth.

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