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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 156

Offered January 24, 2018

Celebrating the life of Master Sergeant George Allen Bannar, Jr., USA.

Patrons—Freitas; Senators: Barker, Black, Carrico, Chafin, Chase, Cosgrove, Dance, Deeds, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougale, McPike, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant, Suetterlein, Surovell, Vogel, Wagner and Wexton

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant George Allen Bannar, Jr., USA, an elite member of the special operations community who was proud to serve his country and his community, was killed in action in Afghanistan on August 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, George Bannar grew up in Orange County and graduated from Orange County High School, where he was a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; he enlisted in the United States Army as a medical specialist in October 1996; and

WHEREAS, initially assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, George Bannar volunteered for Special Forces Assessment and Selection and began training in 2001; and

WHEREAS, after graduating as a medical sergeant in 2003, George Bannar joined the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group and completed four deployments to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, from 2008 to 2012, George Bannar was reassigned to the 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) in Yuma, Arizona, where he served as an instructor at the Military Free-Fall School; and

WHEREAS, George Bannar made the ultimate sacrifice on August 20, 2013, when his unit was attacked in the Wardak Province of Afghanistan; he was on his fifth tour of duty with the 3rd Special Forces Group; and

WHEREAS, George Bannar loved his family and friends deeply and brought joy to others with his big heart and shining smile; he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Michelle; his mother, Sheila Long; his father, George Bannar, Sr.; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow service members; 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 Master Sergeant George Allen Bannar, Jr., USA, a patriotic member of the Orange County community; 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 Master Sergeant George Allen Bannar, Jr., USA, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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