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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

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Celebrating the life of Sergeant Cameron H. Thomas, USA.

Patrons—Freitas, Davis, Fowler, Lindsey, Morefield, Mullin, Pillion and Ware; Senators: Barker, Black, Carrico, Dance, Deeds, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougale, McPike, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Petersen, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Surovell, Vogel and Wexton

WHEREAS, Sergeant Cameron H. Thomas, USA, a courageous member of the elite 75th Ranger Regiment and a beloved son, brother, and friend, was killed in action on April 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, born into a military family, Cameron Thomas lived in Colorado, Missouri, Ohio, Virginia, Georgia, and Spain, making many lifelong friends along the way; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Thomas had an adventurous spirit and set lofty goals in all of his pursuits; he joined the United States Army after graduating from Fairmount High School in Kettering, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Thomas took advantage of every training opportunity that he could to help achieve his goal of earning the coveted Ranger Tab and, at the age of 19, went on to become one of the youngest ever graduates of the U.S. Army Ranger School; and

WHEREAS, serving as an anti-armor specialist in the 3rd Battalion, D Company, Cameron Thomas was a smart and capable Ranger who spoke Farsi and studied emergency medicine and radio technology; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Thomas made the ultimate sacrifice on April 27, 2017, in the Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan on a successful mission to eliminate the head of ISIS Khorasan, the Afghan branch of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Thomas was laid to rest at the Culpeper National Cemetery near his parents' home in Rixeyville; he is an exemplar of the bravery and dedication to duty demonstrated by American men and women in uniform throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Thomas will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Andre and Heather; 11 siblings; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow soldiers; 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 Sergeant Cameron H. Thomas, USA; 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 Sergeant Cameron H. Thomas, USA, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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