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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 369

Offered February 7, 2019

Celebrating the life of Captain Andrew Patrick Ross, USA.

Patrons—Deeds, Black, Boysko, Chafin, Chase, Dance, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Lewis, Locke, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougale, McPike, Newman, Norment, Peake, Reeves, Ruff, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Surovell, Vogel and Wagner; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Cole, Delaney, Hope, Hurst, Jones, S.C., Keam, Kory, Landes, Pogge, Rasoul, Rodman, Sullivan, Thomas and Ware

WHEREAS, Captain Andrew Patrick Ross, USA, a beloved native of Lexington and a courageous member of the elite Green Berets, was killed in action in Afghanistan on November 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Andrew "Drew" Ross demonstrated a natural ability for leadership from a young age, serving as captain of his high school soccer team; and

WHEREAS, a proud patriot, Drew Ross fulfilled a longtime dream to serve his country when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2011; and

WHEREAS, a decorated and highly trained soldier, Drew Ross was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Drew Ross made the ultimate sacrifice while deployed on his second tour to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel, when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device in the Ghazni Province; and

WHEREAS, Drew Ross received many awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal (2nd award), Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Action Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, and Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Drew Ross was an exemplar of the bravery, selflessness, and dedication to duty that is demonstrated by all of the American men and women in uniform who willingly go into harm's way in defense of freedom each day; and

WHEREAS, Drew Ross derived his greatest joy in life from his family, and will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Felicia; his mother, Beth; his father, Stephen; his sister, Sarah; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Captain Andrew Patrick Ross, USA, a distinguished native of Lexington and a courageous member of the elite Green Berets; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Captain Andrew Patrick Ross, USA, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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