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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

Offered February 14, 2019

Celebrating the life of Major Robert S. Gooch IV, USA.

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WHEREAS, Major Robert S. Gooch IV, USA, a distinguished member of the United States Armed Forces and a devoted father, died on January 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Robert Gooch enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17 and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army after he earned a bachelor's degree in health sciences; and

WHEREAS, Robert Gooch was stationed at Fort Belvoir, assigned to the Army Medical Service Corps; he served three rotations and one tour in Afghanistan, earning the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Army Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, in civilian life, Robert Gooch was a skilled electrical technician who held many certifications and worked at his family's businesses; he was also an avid fitness and nutrition enthusiast; and

WHEREAS, Robert Gooch's greatest joy in life was spending time with his children, and he relished every opportunity to make lasting memories with them through swimming, skating, and biking trips; and

WHEREAS, Robert Gooch will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Mia, Abby, and Robert V; his fiancée, Kathryn; his mother, Sherry; his father, Robert III; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Major Robert S. Gooch IV, USA, a beloved member of the Richmond community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Major Robert S. Gooch IV, USA, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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