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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4012

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Celebrating the life of Joshua Orion Hardy.

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WHEREAS, Joshua Orion Hardy, a mentor to young people in Virginia Beach and a highly admired employee of the Virginia Beach Department of Public Utilities, died on May 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Norfolk, Joshua Hardy was born Dennis Angelo Hoskins and changed his name later in life to honor his beloved grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Hardy worked in Norfolk for 12 years before joining the Virginia Beach Department of Public Utilities, where he helped strengthen city infrastructure for more than four years as an engineering technician; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Hardy lived his deep Christian faith through his actions and brought joy to his coworkers through his generosity, sense of humor, and ever-present smile; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Hardy was an inspiration to his nieces and nephews and offered guidance to young people throughout the community as the author and illustrator of a children's book, *The ABC Book on Protecting Yourself From Strangers*; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Hardy will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his five siblings, Denise, Willie, Cassandra, Linda, and Linden, and their families; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow employees of the Virginia Beach Department of Public Utilities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Joshua Orion Hardy, a respected employee of the Virginia Beach Department of Public Utilities who supported young people in the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Joshua Orion Hardy as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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