

2022 SESSION

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

Celebrating the life of Thomas Arthur Schultz III.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Thomas Arthur Schultz III, an acclaimed photographer, adventurer, and passionate conservationist, died on June 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Thomas "Tommy" Schultz grew up in Winchester, where he cultivated a love of the great outdoors from a young age; he was a talented fly fisherman and spent countless hours fishing at Shenandoah National Park; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Schultz attended James Wood High School and later became a member of the first graduating class of Shenandoah High School in 1994; he continued his education at the University of Virginia, earning a bachelor's degree in environmental science; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Tommy Schultz worked for the Orvis Fly Fishing School in Vermont and served as the director of marketing for Trout Unlimited, a national nonprofit conservation organization; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Schultz joined the Peace Corps in 2004 and served as a coastal resource management volunteer assigned to the Silliman University Marine Laboratory in Dumaguete, Philippines; he became a beloved member of the community and was well known for playing guitar with the local band Frying Nemo; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Schultz continued traveling throughout Asia and pursued a career as a freelance writer and photographer; he was based in Bali, Indonesia, for 14 years and compiled an extensive body of work on local communities in the area through the *National Geographic* PhotoVoice project; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Schultz used his skills as a scuba diver, swimmer, and surfer to reach remote islands and capture stunning images on and under the water, documenting pristine coral reefs and marine life, while celebrating the majesty of the ocean; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Schultz's work has been published by *National Geographic*, *The Surfer's Journal*, *DestinAsian*, *Smile*, several airline magazines, the World Wildlife Fund and companies such as Patagonia, The North Face, and Orvis; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Schultz will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Thomas and Kate Schultz; his brother, Preston, and his family; 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 Thomas Arthur Schultz III; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Thomas Arthur Schultz III as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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