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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73

Offered March 10, 2022

*Celebrating the life of Gavin William Dent.*

Patrons—Suetterlein, Edwards, McPike, Newman, Obenshain, Peake and Vogel

WHEREAS, Gavin William Dent, a beloved son, brother, and friend who made numerous contributions to the Roanoke Valley, passed away on October 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Dent grew up in Roanoke County and was a senior at Hidden Valley High School at the time of his passing; he was a member of the school's archery team and a saxophone player in the marching band, jazz band, and wind ensemble; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Dent was passionate about history and had been awarded a grand prize by the Library of Congress for an essay he wrote about American forces landing on Omaha Beach on D-Day; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Dent was civically engaged as a Roanoke County Republican Party volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Dent earned an emergency medical technician certification from the Burton Center for Arts and Technology and a career studies certificate from Virginia Western Community College; he had also been accepted into the Radford University Carilion Emergency Services program; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Dent served his fellow members of the community with the Cave Spring Fire Department, and he assisted with search and rescue operations as a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Dent was a talented amateur radio operator and was a member of the Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club and the Potomac Valley Radio Club; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Dent also volunteered his time with a support group for military families and was an associate member of the 29th Infantry Division Association; and

WHEREAS, Gavin Dent will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Greg and Jane; his brother, Chase; 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 Gavin William Dent, a young servant leader in the Roanoke Valley; and, be it

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

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