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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 536

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Celebrating the lives of Randall Blevins, Fernando Chavez-Barron, Lorenzo Gamble, Tyneka Johnson, Brian Pendleton, and Kellie Pyle.

Patrons—Hayes, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Bennett-Parker, Bourne, Bulova, Clark, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Glass, Guzman, Helmer, Herring, Hope, Kory, Krizek, Leftwich, Lopez, Maldonado, McQuinn, Mullin, Mundon King, Murphy, Price, Rasoul, Reid, Roem, Scott, D.L., Seibold, Sewell, Shin, Sickles, Simon, Simonds, Subramanyam, Sullivan, Torian, Tran, VanValkenburg, Ward and Watts; Senators: Bell, Cosgrove, Deeds, Hashmi, Howell, Lucas and Ruff

WHEREAS, Randall Blevins, Fernando Chavez-Barron, Lorenzo Gamble, Tyneka Johnson, Brian Pendleton, and Kellie Pyle, admired and beloved members of the Chesapeake community, were killed on November 22, 2022, at the Chesapeake Walmart Supercenter; and

WHEREAS, Randall Blevins was born in Glade Springs and relocated to South Norfolk at a young age; after graduating from Oscar Smith High School, he worked at local stores in the area before joining the staff of the Chesapeake Walmart Supercenter, where he was well-liked as an attentive and helpful coworker; and

WHEREAS, Fernando Chavez-Barron, who was only 16 years old, was a new employee at the Chesapeake Walmart Supercenter and had recently used his first paycheck to buy a gift for his mother; and

WHEREAS, Lorenzo Gamble had worked at the Chesapeake Walmart Supercenter for 15 years; he was a loving father who relished every opportunity to spend time with his sons and care for his family; and

WHEREAS, Tyneka Johnson was a native of Portsmouth who graduated from Indian River High School in 2020 and brightened the lives of others through her love of fashion and affinity for music and dancing; and

WHEREAS, Brian Pendleton grew up in Hampton Roads and also graduated from Oscar Smith High School; he was well known in the Wilmund Place neighborhood for his kindness and willingness to help others and had worked at the Chesapeake Walmart Supercenter for more than 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Kellie Pyle graduated from Norfolk Catholic High School in 1988; she lived in Indiana and Kentucky before returning to the Commonwealth and inspired others through her selflessness and grace; and

WHEREAS, these six individuals each made significant contributions to the community and will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by their family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Randall Blevins, Fernando Chavez-Barron, Lorenzo Gamble, Tyneka Johnson, Brian Pendleton, and Kellie Pyle; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the families of each of the six individuals whose lives were tragically lost on November 22, 2022, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for their memories.

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