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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 411

Offered February 20, 2023

Celebrating the life of D'Sean Emir Perry.

Patrons—Deeds, Barker, Bell, Boysko, Chase, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Hashmi, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougale, McPike, Morrissey, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Pillion, Reeves, Rouse, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Suetterlein, Surovell and Vogel; Delegates: Carr, Filler-Corn, Guzman, Hope, Kory, Lopez, Maldonado, Murphy, Rasoul, Shin, Simonds, Ware, Watts and Willett

WHEREAS, D'Sean Emir Perry, a beloved son, brother, friend and highly admired member of the University of Virginia community, died on November 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Miami, Florida, D'Sean Perry began to cultivate his strong faith at a young age at Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church and was baptized at Second Baptist Church of Miami at the age of 10; and

WHEREAS, D'Sean Perry graduated from the Upper School Campus of Gulliver Preparatory School (Gulliver Prep) and was deeply dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, D'Sean Perry was passionate about football and played in Pop Warner youth leagues before joining the Gulliver Prep football team, where he impressed his coaches with his athletic ability, versatility, vision, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, during his senior season, D'Sean Perry recorded 89 tackles, three sacks, and three interceptions and helped lead the Gulliver Prep Raiders to an 8-4 record and playoff berth; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, D'Sean Perry accepted a full scholarship to attend the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, D'Sean Perry made his debut for the University of Virginia Cavaliers against Abilene Christian University in 2020; he recorded one tackle and ran back an interception 84 yards for a touchdown, the second-longest return by a linebacker in program history; and

WHEREAS, D'Sean Perry appeared in six games in the 2022 season and recorded a career-high four tackles in a 16-14 win over Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, D'Sean Perry inspired others through his perseverance, resilience, and compassion, and brought joy to family and friends with his contagious smile and musical and artistic talents; and

WHEREAS, D'Sean Perry received a posthumous bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in Studio Art and African American and African Studies; and

WHEREAS, D'Sean Perry will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Happy and Sean; his sisters Dominique and D'Shaundra; and numerous other family members, friends, and teammates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of D'Sean Emir Perry; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of D'Sean Emir Perry as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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