

2024 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 299

Celebrating the life of Commander Douglas Michael Morea, USN.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2024

WHEREAS, Commander Douglas Michael Morea, USN, an honorable veteran, distinguished naval aviator, and beloved son, husband, and brother, died on January 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a native of Port Washington, New York, Douglas "Doug" Michael Morea, known affectionately by his family as "Dougie," and by the United States Navy as "Dorothy," his call sign, discovered a passion for aviation at a young age and attended the United States Naval Academy, where he graduated in 2004 with a degree in aerospace engineering; and

WHEREAS, Doug Morea was an accomplished aviator with the United States Navy, logging over 3,700 flight hours, 675 carrier landings, and more than 80 combat missions in the F/A-18 Hornet and Super Hornet aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Doug Morea's career included tours as a junior officer in the "Golden Warriors" of Strike Fighter Squadron 87, as a training officer for the "Valions" of Strike Fighter Squadron 15, and as department head in the "Sunliners" of Strike Fighter Squadron 81; and

WHEREAS, Doug Morea was a graduate of the prestigious United States Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program, more commonly known as TOPGUN, where he remained on staff as an instructor and as the standardization officer; and

WHEREAS, Doug Morea admirably served as the commanding officer for the "Blue Blasters" of Strike Fighter Squadron 34 from April 2022 to July 2023; and

WHEREAS, with an unwavering commitment to improving his abilities as an aviator, Doug Morea recently attended the Joint Advanced Warfighting School, from which he will receive a posthumous master's degree; and

WHEREAS, Doug Morea has received several commendation and achievement medals in recognition of his service, including the LCDR Michael Longhardt Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Doug Morea will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Chelsea; his father and stepmother, Jerry and Lynne; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Commander Douglas Michael Morea, USN, who was a source of joy and inspiration to all who knew him; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Commander Douglas Michael Morea, USN, as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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