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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45

Offered January 13, 2022

Celebrating the life of Commander Brian Michael Bourgeois, USN.

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WHEREAS, Commander Brian Michael Bourgeois, USN, commanding officer of United States Navy Sea, Air, and Land Team 8 and a beloved member of the Hampton Roads community, died on December 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Brian Bourgeois grew up hunting and fishing and was a standout athlete in both football and baseball; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from James E. Taylor High School in Katy, Texas, in 1997, Brian Bourgeois studied at the United States Naval Academy, where he was a four-year member of the varsity football team; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating and receiving his commission in 2001, Brian Bourgeois served briefly as a surface warfare officer before being selected for Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training, graduating with class 253; he also went on to earn a master's degree in defense analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School, where he earned the Pat Tillman Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Brian Bourgeois's two decades of service with the United States Navy was characterized by his hardworking and determined nature, his decisive leadership, and his unwavering compassion and concern for the well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his courage and valor in service to his country, Brian Bourgeois was the recipient of several honors and awards, including a Bronze Star with Combat "V," two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and a National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, despite the rigors of his profession, Brian Bourgeois was the consummate family man, who was readily found cheering on his children at their many sporting events or helping them with their homework; and

WHEREAS, Brian Bourgeois will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife of 20 years, Megan; his children, Barrett, Allee, Piper, Callen, and Jonathan; his parents, David and Marlene; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Commander Brian Michael Bourgeois, USN, whose leadership and integrity was an inspiration to all who knew him; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Commander Brian Michael Bourgeois, USN, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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