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24 25 Celebrating the life of Mario Wells.

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Offered February 15, 2022

WHEREAS, Mario Wells, a respected member of the Richmond community who touched countless lives through his commitment to service, died on July 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mario Wells grew up in Richmond, where he attended Richmond Public Schools, including John Marshall High School; he subsequently earned a GED degree and trained in counseling; and

WHEREAS, Mario Wells inspired many young people as a trusted mentor and helped make people in need feel welcome and safe through his affectionate smile and unfailing kindness; and

WHEREAS, Mario Wells brought joy to others through his generosity and wisdom, delicious home-cooked meals, and his passion for music; and

WHEREAS, Mario Wells cofounded the band F.O.E. (Family Over Everything) and produced several songs with his bandmates: and

WHEREAS, a devoted father, Mario Wells will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Chinyere, Chineira, Alexis, Veronica, Nasir, and Mekhi, and their families, as well as his mother, Priscilla Reynolds; his sister, Marquita Reynolds; his two brothers, Billy Reynolds and Maurice Wells, Jr., and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Mario Wells; 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 Mario Wells as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.