

RESOLUTION NO. 12968-16

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM

ARNOLD RON COATES, II

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia, records with deep and profound sadness the tragic and untimely death of Arnold Ron Coates, II, on July 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Arnold R. Coates, II, was born in Bad Kreuznach, Germany in 1973, the son of the late Arnold R. Coates and Kay Frances Coates; and

WHEREAS, Arnold R. Coates, II moved to Virginia, where he graduated from Denbigh High School in 1992. He went on to study psychology at Thomas Nelson Community College; and

WHEREAS, Arnold R. Coates, II bravely served his country in the U.S. Army, including four deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He received numerous medals recognizing his service, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Arnold R. Coates, II was an avid soccer enthusiast, and was involved in soccer throughout his life. In his youth, he played with the Newport News Aztecs and the Denbigh High School Varsity team. As an adult, Arnold R. Coates, II continued to be involved in soccer and helped to mentor young players including those with FC Richmond Mystx; and

WHEREAS, Arnold R. Coates, II is survived by his son, Devyn Coates; his mother, Kay Frances Coates; his sister, Sharon B. Herring; two brothers, Eric W. Gibson and Gregory Gibson; along with numerous other relatives and close friends; and

WHEREAS, Arnold R. Coates, II, was a generous, caring, and well-regarded member of the community who regularly put the needs of others before his own, and whose life and years of service in defending his country this Council wishes to recognize and honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That it hereby recognizes all that Arnold Ron Coates, II has done to serve the City of Newport News, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States of America, and honors him for his service to this community and to his country.

2. That it is ordered that the City Clerk shall record this resolution in the minutes of this body and that a copy be presented to the family of the late Arnold Ron Coates, II.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON OCTOBER 25, 2016

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor

A true copy, teste:

City Clerk