

2010 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 373

Celebrating the life of J. Michael Lunsford.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2010
Agreed to by the Senate, March 10, 2010

WHEREAS, J. Michael Lunsford, the beloved director of transportation for Loudoun County Public Schools, died on July 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Loudoun County High School, J. Michael (Mike) Lunsford accepted a job driving a school bus for \$5 a day when gas was 36 cents a gallon; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Mike Lunsford went to work for Loudoun County Public Schools and served as a computer operator and computer programmer before moving into the transportation area; and

WHEREAS, recognized as an exemplary administrator, Mike Lunsford rose through the ranks of the transportation department, becoming director of transportation in 1995; and

WHEREAS, as director of transportation for Loudoun County Public Schools, Mike Lunsford oversaw a department of over 900 employees and a fleet of 776 school buses that travels millions of miles a year transporting 50,000 students; and

WHEREAS, known for his easygoing manner and skill at solving problems, Mike Lunsford dealt with a variety of people with questions or complaints, made recommendations to the superintendent about snow delays or closings, and dealt with the challenges of rising gas prices; and

WHEREAS, Mike Lunsford dedicated over 40 years to ensuring that the children of the Loudoun County Public Schools traveled in safety; he was well-respected by his colleagues for his fairness and consideration toward others; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 Mike Lunsford was named one of the "Hidden Powers" in the Washington, D.C., area by *Washingtonian* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Mike Lunsford will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 31 years, Catherine; their children, Josh, Zack, and Emily; and the students, staff, and administration of Loudoun County Public Schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly note with great sadness the loss of a beloved public school system employee and outstanding Virginian, J. Michael Lunsford; 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 J. Michael Lunsford as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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