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## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 143**

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Celebrating the life of Dr. James E. Etheridge, Jr.

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WHEREAS, as the fourth faculty member to be hired at the newly established Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) nearly 40 years ago, Dr. James E. Etheridge, Jr., who died on May 27, 2011, was instrumental in shaping the growth and development of the school that meant so much to him; and

WHEREAS, as the founder of the Neurology Department, and then as dean of the medical school, James Etheridge helped create a sound foundation for EVMS; his dedication and commitment helped make Eastern Virginia Medical School one of Hampton Roads' flagship institutions; and

WHEREAS, James Etheridge, who trained at the University of Virginia and became chairman of the Neurology Department at EVMS, was a talented administrator, serving as dean of the medical school from 1989 to 1993 and as interim dean from 1999 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, James Etheridge devoted his life to advancing the field of pediatric neurology and to building EVMS into one of the region's most respected institutions; he cared deeply for his young patients and the many physicians who trained under him; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the legacy he leaves at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Dr. Etheridge will be dearly remembered by his wife, Jacqueline, and by many other family members, friends, medical colleagues, and former patients; 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 a respected physician, administrator, and mentor, Dr. James E. Etheridge, Jr.; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Dr. James E. Etheridge, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory and appreciation for his work in training the Commonwealth's physicians and shaping a great medical school.