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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

Offered February 19, 2014

Celebrating the life of Calvin Leavenworth Brickhouse.

Patron—Lewis

WHEREAS, Calvin Leavenworth Brickhouse, who was principal of Northampton High School and Northampton Middle School, and who in retirement served on the Northampton County School Board, died on September 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Brickhouse attended Hare Valley Elementary School and graduated from Northampton High School; he would later become principal of his alma mater, serving as the last head of the school when it was segregated; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Brickhouse earned an undergraduate degree from Virginia State College, now known as Virginia State University (VSU); he also received a master's degree from VSU; and

WHEREAS, after working for only a short time as a teacher in Spotsylvania County, Calvin Brickhouse was called to active military duty; he proudly served in the United States Army for two years; and

WHEREAS, after being discharged, Calvin Brickhouse returned to the Eastern Shore and began his career in the county's public schools as a science teacher at Northampton High School; he worked for the school system until 1994; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Brickhouse was a longtime school principal who was respected throughout the community; he headed both Northampton High School and Northampton Middle School and was known for his patient demeanor and his ability to make decisions that brought people together; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Brickhouse was held in great esteem by the staff and students he guided; he set a good example for them and even as adults, when meeting or working with him, they still would address him as "Mr. Brickhouse"; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Brickhouse served his community in many ways; he was a member of the Northampton County School Board for two terms, served on the County Redistricting Committee, and was a member of the board of Eastern Shore Rural Health System, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a man of faith, Calvin Brickhouse was a member and former chair of the Trustee Board of Bethel Baptist Church in Franktown; he also was initiated into the Alpha Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and was recognized by the fraternity for 50 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Brickhouse will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Audrey, children Shelia and Michael, and their families; and many other family members, friends, and former students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Calvin Leavenworth Brickhouse, who was principal of Northampton High School and Northampton Middle School, and who in retirement worked for the betterment of his community as a member of the Northampton County School Board; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Calvin Leavenworth Brickhouse as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.