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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5257

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Celebrating the life of Lincoln Vernon Lewis.

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WHEREAS, Lincoln Vernon Lewis of Charlottesville, an educator, school administrator, and community leader who was a champion for increased diversity at institutions of higher education, died on July 26, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a native of Anguilla, West Indies, Lincoln Lewis worked for the Lago Oil and Transport Company refinery in Aruba; after receiving the refinery's prestigious education scholarship in 1960, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Cornell University; and

WHEREAS, while still at Cornell University, Lincoln Lewis took an interest in supporting and promoting diversity at institutions of higher education; he helped develop a successful pilot program for the recruitment of minority students to Ivy League schools; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated lifelong learner, Lincoln Lewis also completed management programs at Harvard University and the University of Virginia and earned a doctorate from Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Lewis provided consulting services to several universities on equal opportunity and affirmative action; he developed and implemented Yale University's first affirmative action plan and served as manager of special programs at Yale University, director of affirmative action at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, and an advisor to the president at the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Lewis also helped prepare students for success in careers and responsible citizenship as a professor at Yale University and the University of Virginia; after a long and distinguished career, he retired as a professor emeritus and administrator of the University of Virginia in 1995; and

WHEREAS, working to enhance the quality of life of his fellow residents, Lincoln Lewis volunteered his time and wise leadership to many civic and service organizations; he served as president of the Albemarle County Social Services Board, president of the Ashcroft Neighborhood Association, director-at-large of the board of 100 Black Men of Central Virginia, and a life member of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Lewis enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where he served as a junior and senior warden and president of the Senior Ministry; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by his wife, Josepheta, Lincoln Lewis will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his daughter, Caroline, and her family and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; 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 Lincoln Vernon Lewis, a respected school administrator, community leader, and passionate advocate for diversity in higher education; 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 Lincoln Vernon Lewis as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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