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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 504

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Celebrating the life of George Issac Parker, Jr.

Patron—Lewis

WHEREAS, George Issac Parker, Jr., longtime educator and principal of Nandua High School in Onley, died on June 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, graduating from Central High School in 1983, George Parker later received a bachelor's degree in biology from Virginia State University and a master's degree in education administration from Salisbury State University; and

WHEREAS, in the process of completing his education, George Parker selflessly committed his time to caring for his ailing parents, demonstrating a concern for others that would persist throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, a product of Accomack County Public Schools himself, George Parker began his career as a biology and physics teacher at Arcadia High School, where he would become assistant principal in 2007; and

WHEREAS, transferring to Nandua High School in 2008, he was promoted to interim principal in 2015 and assumed the role permanently the following year, becoming the first African American principal in Nandua High School's history; and

WHEREAS, George Parker dedicated his career to ensuring the success of both his students and fellow teachers, embracing his role as mentor to inspire those around him to be their best, strive for their goals, and achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, George Parker was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., with whom he actively served the community for many years; and

WHEREAS, a third-degree black belt in martial arts who loved to train others in the sport, George Parker was a fixture at his local YMCA, where he impressed colleagues and students alike with his many physical accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his parents, George and Catherine, and his sisters, Karen and Amy, George Parker will be dearly remembered and fondly missed by his loving siblings, Sheron, Kerby, Kathy, Matilda, Janis, and Eric, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of George Issac Parker, Jr., beloved principal of Nandua High School, who touched countless lives through his grace, kindness, and compassion; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of George Issac Parker, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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