

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 509

Commending James Orris Bryant, Sr.

Agreed to by the Senate, August 19, 2020

WHEREAS, James Orris Bryant, Sr., who supported the education of countless children over his 61-year career as a bus driver with Bedford County Public Schools, retired on June 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, retiring at the age of 82, James Bryant holds the distinction of being one of the longest-tenured bus drivers in both Bedford County and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, James Bryant began driving for Bedford County Public Schools in 1959 and witnessed profound changes within the school system over the years, including the integration of the school system in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, James Bryant always made every effort to ensure the success of the children who rode his bus, from letting them eat breakfast on the bus before school to consulting with them personally when behavioral problems became an issue; and

WHEREAS, James Bryant had the unique joy of driving several members of his family to school throughout his career, including his wife and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate his career and accomplishments, James Bryant's family held a parade in his honor after the Bedford County Public Schools' graduation ceremony on June 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, through his tireless commitment to the generations of students he drove and mentored over the years, James Bryant exemplified the best of what makes the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That James Orris Bryant, Sr., longtime bus driver of Bedford County Public Schools, hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Orris Bryant, Sr. as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his impressive career and untold contributions to the Commonwealth.

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