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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 535

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Celebrating the life of Howard H. Foust, Jr.

Patron—Lucas

WHEREAS, Howard H. Foust, Jr., a passionate educator who touched countless lives over the course of his career in Portsmouth Public Schools, died on August 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Burlington, North Carolina, Howard Foust graduated with honors from Jordan Sellars High School, then received a bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University; he continued his education at Duke University, where he earned a master's degree in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Howard Foust began a long and fulfilling career with Portsmouth Public Schools in 1965; he taught mathematics and physics at I.C. Norcom High School for 36 years and Woodrow Wilson High School for one year; and

WHEREAS, Howard Foust also taught summer school and night classes at I.C. Norcom High School and was a part-time instructor at Elizabeth City State University, Tidewater Community College, and Norfolk State University; and

WHEREAS, respected among his peers, Howard Foust offered his insights and expertise to the Portsmouth Education Association, Virginia Education Association, and National Education Association; he earned countless awards and accolades for his professional achievements over the years; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Howard Foust served as financial secretary of the African American Historical Society of Portsmouth and financial secretary and treasurer of the Portsmouth Retired Educators Association; and

WHEREAS, Howard Foust volunteered with youth sports for many years and was one of the first certified African American youth bowling coaches in Portsmouth; he established a regional youth bowling association and organized a youth travel league, in addition to participating in adult tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Howard Foust enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as an active member of Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Howard Foust will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Iva; his children, Michael, Monica, and Malcolm, 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 Howard H. Foust, Jr., a respected educator in Portsmouth; and, be it

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

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