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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 654

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Celebrating the life of Arthur Warrington Gosling.

Patrons—Hope, Levine and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Arthur Warrington Gosling, a longtime educator and school administrator who touched the lives of countless young people in Arlington County, died on September 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a native of Akron, Ohio, Arthur "Art" Warrington Gosling attended Buchtel High School and subsequently earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, a master's degree from Kent State University, a certificate of advanced educational administration from Harvard University, and a doctorate from Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, Art Gosling began his career in education as a teacher in his hometown of Akron, then worked as principal of Highland Park High School in Illinois, assistant superintendent of South Orange-Maplewood School District in New Jersey, and superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Art Gosling became superintendent of Arlington Public Schools in 1985 and helped the school system become a model for other public schools in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area during his 12-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement from Arlington Public Schools in 1997, Art Gosling continued to serve the community as president of Encore Learning, a nonprofit adult education center; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Art Gosling was a champion for women in the field of education and a trusted mentor to many other school principals and administrators who was well known for his steadfast leadership and unfailing commitment to lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Art Gosling will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 60 years, Carolyn; his children, Thomas, Leslie, and Laura, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Arthur Warrington Gosling, a respected school administrator in Arlington County; 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 Arthur Warrington Gosling as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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