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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 731

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*Celebrating the life of Rudolph E. Ford, Jr.*

Patrons—McQuinn, Adams, D.M., Bagby, Carr, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Hope, Rasoul, Reid, Scott, Simonds and Ware

WHEREAS, Rudolph E. Ford, Jr., a highly admired teacher, school administrator, and musician, died on April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Rudolph Ford earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and received master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Rudolph Ford joined Henrico County Public Schools in 2011, serving as an elementary physical education teacher and principal of Jacob L. Adams Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Rudolph Ford treated each student as an individual and built strong bonds based on trust, compassion, and mutual respect with generations of young people; and

WHEREAS, Rudolph Ford was a prolific author of novels and scholarly articles, and for more than 50 years he worked as a freelance musician and was well known for his talent as a saxophone player; and

WHEREAS, Rudolph Ford will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his sons, Rudolph III, Christopher, and Hunter, and their families, and by 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 Rudolph E. Ford, Jr.; 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 Rudolph E. Ford, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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