2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 731

Celebrating the life of Rudolph E. Ford, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 4, 2021 Agreed to by the Senate, February 11, 2021

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.