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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 319

Offered March 1, 2022

Celebrating the life of John T. Lanier, Sr.

Patron—McQuinn

WHEREAS, John T. Lanier, Sr., a passionate advocate for his fellow members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, died on January 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, John Lanier grew up in Danville and attended Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), earning a bachelor's degree in accounting; he enjoyed a long and successful career at Reynolds Metals Company in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, while at VCU, John Lanier was initiated into the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi in 1974, and he subsequently became a charter member of the Eta Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, the "Nine Midnight Wanderers," later that year; and

WHEREAS, John Lanier was a Grand Chapter Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi, and for nearly five decades he was a devoted worker for the Richmond (VA) Alumni Chapter, serving with distinction as polemarch from 1990 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, John Lanier offered his wisdom to Kappa Alpha Psi as a member of the Board of Directors, chair of the Fundraising Committee, and member of the Council of Past Polemarchs; and

WHEREAS, John Lanier advocated for the creation of the Kappa Alpha Psi license plate in Virginia and initiated the organization's Virginia Legislative Day; he was responsible for the Richmond (VA) Alumni Chapter being the first Black organization to have a float in the Richmond Christmas Parade in 1990; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, John Lanier helped the Richmond (VA) Alumni Chapter become one of the first organizations in the Richmond area to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program; and

WHEREAS, John Lanier was elected to the Eastern Province Board of Directors, Region III; he was named an Eastern Province Life Member and was the recipient at the 2000 Eastern Province Council of the Pillar of the Province, the highest award bestowed by the Eastern Province, recognizing honorable service and achievement; and

WHEREAS, John Lanier further served the Eastern Province as the operating assistant to the polemarch, keeper of exchequer, and senior province polemarch; and

WHEREAS, John Lanier was appointed as Eastern Province polemarch and served with dignity and pleasure from 2007 until 2010, when he became the deputy director of organizational effectiveness for the Grand Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades, John Lanier received the Eastern Province Distinguished Legend Citation in 2011; and

WHEREAS, John Lanier will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Joyce; his son, John, Jr.; and numerous other family members, friends, and fellow Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity members; 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 John T. Lanier, Sr.; 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 John T. Lanier, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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