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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 458**

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending James H. Bash.*

Patrons—Toscano and Plum; Senator: Deeds

WHEREAS, James H. Bash, a devoted educator and passionate activist, served the Commonwealth as a supporter of civil rights and desegregation efforts in the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the principal of a high school in Farmville in 1955, James Bash courageously spoke out against plans to prevent desegregation of the school; and

WHEREAS, James Bash moved to Charlottesville and offered his wisdom and expertise to the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, where he founded the Consultative Resource Center for School Desegregation, after securing a federal grant to fund the center; and

WHEREAS, serving as the director of the center from 1967 to 1971, James Bash promoted cross-racial understanding as a national leader in equal education; he developed a nationally recognized teaching model and authored several publications on teaching and administration in desegregated schools; and

WHEREAS, under James Bash's leadership, the center provided training, curricula, and literature to educators in the Commonwealth and surrounding states; countless students continue to benefit from the training and resources provided by the center; and

WHEREAS, prior to his retirement in 1991, James Bash also taught several courses and served as the executive secretary of the Curry School of Education Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exceptional leadership of the Consultative Resource Center for School Desegregation and his many contributions to the Commonwealth, James Bash was named a professor emeritus of the Curry School of Education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend James H. Bash for his service as an educator and an activist for civil rights and desegregation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James H. Bash as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his work to ensure equality for all citizens of the Commonwealth.

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