SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 437

Celebrating the life of Dr. Donn Lancaster.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, Dr. Donn Lancaster, a longtime educator and leader at The New Community School in Richmond, died on January 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Donn Lancaster was born in Ithaca, New York, and was a graduate of the University of Arkansas, Colorado State University, and the University of Richmond, where he received a master's degree in teaching; and

WHEREAS, after a career as a scientist, Donn Lancaster was inspired by the potential of the students of The New Community School to join their faculty as a science teacher in its middle school in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Donn Lancaster's life's work was dedicated to the students at The New Community School, empowering them to feed their curiosity and encouraging them to strive for excellence in developing their gifts and passions; and

WHEREAS, as a founding leader of The New Community School middle school, Donn Lancaster helped to define and enhance the school's culture; he inspired students and his fellow faculty members as a teacher, mentor, advisor, coach, and friend before retiring in June 2018; and

WHEREAS, Donn Lancaster was a member of Three Chopt Presbyterian Church and an Elder of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and

WHEREAS, Donn Lancaster will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Carol; his son Jeffrey, and his family; his colleagues, students, and alumni of The New Community School, and his many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Dr. Donn Lancaster, an educator who made many contributions to the Central Virginia community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Dr. Donn Lancaster, as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.