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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 551

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Celebrating the life of Oliver White Hill, Jr.

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WHEREAS, Oliver White Hill, Jr., a distinguished educator and a respected member of the Richmond community, died on July 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known to family and friends as "Duke," Oliver Hill was the son of the renowned civil rights attorney, Oliver W. Hill, Sr., and followed his father's example as a servant-leader; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Hill enjoyed a long and fulfilling career with Virginia State University (VSU), serving as a professor of psychology, chair of the Psychology Department, and interim dean of VSU's College of Natural and Health Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Hill also played an instrumental role in creating VSU's first doctoral program, a Ph.D. in health psychology; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Hill garnered national attention for his trailblazing research into school reform and bias in testing, and he worked diligently to address achievement gaps in mathematics that often prevented African Americans from pursuing careers in the sciences; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Hill will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Renee; his children, Jananda, Maia, and Jamaa, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of Oliver White Hill, Jr., an accomplished educator in Richmond who touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Oliver White Hill, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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