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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 324

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*Celebrating the life of Bryan Rall Becker.*

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WHEREAS, Bryan Rall Becker, a teacher and school athletics coach who touched the lives of countless young people through his mentorship and commitment to excellence in education, died on December 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Becker grew up in Norfolk and graduated from Granby High School, where he excelled as a member of the football team; he continued playing football at Temple University while he earned his bachelor's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from college, Bryan Becker joined the United States Merchant Marine and traveled the world aboard commercial vessels; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Becker returned to Norfolk and began a long and fulfilling 42-year tenure with Norfolk Public Schools; over the course of his career, he taught at Granby High School, Booker T. Washington High School, and Norview High School, giving generations of students the tools they needed to fulfill their potential in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Becker was a passionate lifelong learner and an avid reader who especially loved teaching history, psychology, government, and social studies courses; he served as the chair of the history department at Booker T. Washington High School; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Becker also coached high school football for several years, and many of his players went on to achieve success on college teams and in the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Becker will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife, Mary; his children, Kristin and Jonathan; and numerous other family members and 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 Bryan Rall Becker, a highly admired educator and coach in Norfolk; and, be it

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

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