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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 325

Offered February 13, 2023

Celebrating the life of Kent DeWayne Carter.

Patrons—Ebbin, Favola and Howell; Delegates: Bennett-Parker, Hope, Kory and Lopez

WHEREAS, Kent DeWayne Carter, the highly respected first vice president of the Arlington Branch of the NAACP and an active leader in the Arlington community, died on October 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tennessee, Kent Carter graduated from Clinton High School and joined the United States Army as a military police officer in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Kent Carter served as a member of a protective detail at the Pentagon after the attacks on September 11, 2001, then completed two deployments to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the military, Kent Carter received an associate's degree from Methodist University, then subsequently earned bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Kent Carter settled in Virginia and worked as a special investigator for several federal agencies before starting a new career as a real estate broker with Keller Williams Metro Center; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as the first vice president for the local NAACP, Kent Carter was the chair of the criminal justice committee and represented the organization on Arlington's Police Practices Group; and

WHEREAS, Kent Carter used his unique insights as a former law-enforcement officer to help develop more than 100 policing reforms, including the creation of a community oversight board; and

WHEREAS, Kent Carter was well known in the Arlington community for his wit, generosity, compassion, and humility, and he built strong partnerships based on mutual trust and respect that enhanced local life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Kent Carter will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his daughter, Kennedy; his daughter's mother, Melanie; his partner of eight years, Alonia; 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 Kent DeWayne Carter, a champion for civil rights and police reform in Northern Virginia; and, be it

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

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