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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 127

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Celebrating the life of Carlyle Whitelow.

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WHEREAS, Carlyle Whitelow, an esteemed educator, honorable veteran, accomplished coach, and a prominent and beloved member of the Bridgewater community, died on October 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Carlyle Whitelow graduated from the former St. Emma's Military Academy in Richmond and served his country with honor and valor as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Carlyle Whitelow graduated from Bridgewater College, where he broke down color barriers both as a student and an athlete while lettering in football, basketball, and track; and

WHEREAS, Carlyle Whitelow then worked as an educator with Staunton Public Schools for a decade before earning a master's degree in education from the University of Virginia and returning to his alma mater, Bridgewater College, in 1969, where he would teach and coach for the next 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Carlyle Whitelow mentored countless young people at Bridgewater College over the years as a member of the physical education faculty, supervisor of student teaching, and coach of the football, basketball, and tennis teams; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his dedication to his students and athletes, Carlyle Whitelow was recognized as the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for tennis in 1979 and was inducted into the Bridgewater College Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001; and

WHEREAS, active and engaged with his community, Carlyle Whitelow was a longtime member of the Bridgewater Rotary Club and gave generously of his time on the boards of the North River Library and local chapters of the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, Carlyle Whitelow was cherished for his prolific correspondence with family and friends, for regularly visiting individuals in the hospital or nursing homes, and for reliably greeting motorists and pedestrians in the mornings along Main Street in Bridgewater; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to Carlyle Whitelow's outsized presence in the Bridgewater community, the Town of Bridgewater named Whitelow Park in his honor in 2018; he was also a previous recipient of the Bridgewater Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year honor; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Carlyle Whitelow enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at John Wesley United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, Carlyle Whitelow will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his nephews, Carter and Taylor, and their families, and by 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 Carlyle Whitelow, a pillar of the Bridgewater community whose positive and joyful nature brightened 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 Carlyle Whitelow as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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