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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 681

Offered April 1, 2025

Celebrating the life of Lyle Ray Smith.

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WHEREAS, Lyle Ray Smith, an honorable veteran, esteemed educator and public servant, devoted husband and father, and beloved member of the Fredericksburg community, died on January 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Lyle Smith joined the United States Marine Corps and served his country with honor and distinction at the end of the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Lyle Smith embarked on a career in education as a teacher and coach in Caroline County, then served as the first principal of Grafton Village Elementary School in Stafford County from 1967 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Lyle Smith promoted the health and well-being of young people by establishing the Stafford County Public Schools swimming program in 1980, which has since helped countless students learn how to swim; and

WHEREAS, Lyle Smith served on the Stafford County Board of Supervisors from 1990 to 1998, including as chair in 1993, and worked tirelessly to foster the locality's growth and development; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Germanna Community College Board, Lyle Smith supported an untold number of young people on their paths to successful careers; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Lyle Smith's significant impact on the community, Dixon-Smith Middle School was named in his honor in 2007; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Lyle Smith enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Matthias United Methodist Church in Stafford County, where he served for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his first wife of 61 years, Janet, Lyle Smith will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his wife, Wanda; his daughters, Laraye and Cynthia, 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 Lyle Ray Smith, whose dedication to family and service inspired all who knew him; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Lyle Ray Smith as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.

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