HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5139

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Randall G. Johnson.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 28, 2006 Agreed to by the Senate, September 27, 2006

WHEREAS, the Honorable Randall G. Johnson of Richmond, respected citizen and admired judge of the Richmond City Circuit Court, died on August 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Randall G. Johnson earned an undergraduate degree from Howard University and a law degree from Howard University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished member of the law firm of Hill, Tucker & Marsh in Richmond for many years, Randall G. Johnson's first love was the practice of general law; and

WHEREAS, Randall G. Johnson was appointed to the Richmond City Circuit Court in October 1987 by Governor Gerald L. Baliles when a vacancy was created by a retiring judge; and

WHEREAS, an astute and skilled jurist, Judge Johnson presided over civil cases and had a reputation for always being prepared; he especially "loved the combat of lawyers fighting over intellectual issues"; and

WHEREAS, well-known for his fairness, as well as firmness, Judge Johnson possessed a superb judicial temperament and was highly respected by his staff, his colleagues in the City of Richmond, and the legal community across the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Judge Johnson will be fondly remembered for his dignified and compassionate nature and will be missed by his devoted wife, Jacquetta, his two loving sons and other family members, his countless friends and admirers, and the citizens of the City of Richmond; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine judge and an outstanding Virginian, the Honorable Randall G. Johnson; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Judge Randall G. Johnson as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.