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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6014

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Celebrating the life of the Honorable David Tillman Stitt.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable David Tillman Stitt, an admired citizen and for nearly 13 years a respected judge of the Fairfax County Circuit Court, died on May 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, David Stitt was born in Saint Louis, Missouri, and grew up in Austin, Texas; graduated from Davidson College in North Carolina, where he played freshman basketball for then-coach Lefty Driesell; and served his country in the United States Army as a Ranger during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stitt received a law degree from the University of Texas in 1969, and after passing the bar, moved to Washington, D.C., to serve as an assistant United States attorney; and

WHEREAS, for almost 12 years, Judge Stitt served as the hard-working Fairfax County attorney; in 1991 he left his position to work in private practice; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Judge Stitt was appointed to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, where he served his fellow citizens with his unique blend of humor, intellect, and dedication to equal justice for all; and

WHEREAS, committed to making the proper ruling under the law even in the most difficult cases, Judge Stitt presided with great skill in several controversial and high profile trials, as well as deftly handling several that were unpopular in the media and the community; and

WHEREAS, Judge Stitt gave his time to many professional organizations, serving as a member of the Fairfax Bar Association and serving a term as its president; he organized so many volleyball tournaments for the Fairfax Bar Association that the volleyball trophy was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, a man of great honesty and integrity, David Stitt will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his devoted wife, Elizabeth Stitt; his two children, Samuel T. Stitt and Rachel Elmendorf; and his many colleagues and friends in Fairfax County and the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly mourn the passing of a fine jurist and outstanding Virginian, the Honorable David Tillman Stitt; 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 the Honorable David Tillman Stitt as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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