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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 67

Offered February 2, 2011

Commending the Honorable Robert H. Bork.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert H. Bork, a resident of McLean, continues a long and distinguished career of public service; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bork earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Chicago and served in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bork engaged in the private practice of law in Chicago and was a Professor of Law at Yale Law School from 1962 to 1973 and then again from 1977 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, Professor Bork's book, *The Antitrust Paradox*, sparked the public dialog about antitrust laws that culminated in the now dominant view that the purpose of antitrust laws is maximizing consumer welfare; and

WHEREAS, as Professor of Law at Yale Law School, Robert Bork served as the original faculty advisor for a small law student organization, The Federalist Society, and ever since then has selflessly given his time and counsel to this legal organization as it has grown into an influential nationwide organization committed to our national Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bork's advocacy of "originalism" continues to influence the ongoing national debate on the proper role of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bork served with great distinction as Solicitor General of the United States from June 1973 to 1977; and

WHEREAS, as Solicitor General of the United States, Robert Bork, after the protest resignations of the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General during what came to be known as the Watergate crisis, served at a time of great turmoil within the Department as Acting Attorney General, thus preserving presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed leadership in the Department of Justice; he served in that capacity until a new Attorney General could be nominated and confirmed; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bork served with great distinction as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from 1982 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, following his service on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Robert Bork has been a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy, a fellow at the Hudson Institute, and a visiting professor at the University of Richmond School of Law and a professor at Ave Maria School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bork has contributed extensively to serious American judicial, political, and social discourse by continuing to teach and inspire and as a bestselling author of *The Tempting of America*; *Slouching Towards Gomorrah: Modern Liberalism and American Decline*; *A Time to Speak: Selected Writings and Arguments*; *Coercing Virtue: The Worldwide Rule of Judges*; and other books and many columns and scholarly works; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bork has been supported in all his endeavors by his loving family, including from 1952 until her death from cancer in 1980, his wife, the former Claire Davidson; his children, Ellen, Robert, and Charles; and since 1982, his wife, the former Mary Ellen Pohl; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates commend the Honorable Robert H. Bork for his dedication to the law, the Constitution of the United States, and his profession; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Robert H. Bork as an expression of the House of Delegates' gratitude for his commitment to justice and public service.

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