

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 112

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Franklin Marshall Slayton.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 10, 2014
Agreed to by the Senate, January 16, 2014

WHEREAS, the Honorable Franklin Marshall Slayton, a retired judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the Tenth Judicial District of Virginia who represented the residents of Halifax and Charlotte Counties in the Virginia House of Delegates for eight terms, died on October 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Franklin Slayton earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Virginia before joining the United States Army; after his active duty service, Franklin Slayton entered the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps of the Virginia Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Slayton served for 20 years as a JAG attorney, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and the position of Judge Advocate General of the National Guard while also working in private practice in South Boston; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Slayton served as acting Commonwealth's Attorney for Halifax County and also served for eight years on the South Boston City School Board; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Franklin Slayton ran for and was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1972, where he ably represented the residents of the 60th District for eight terms; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Slayton worked to enact important legislation, led the effort to revise the juvenile justice code, championed equal representation for the citizens of the Commonwealth, and served on several committees, including House Appropriations and Courts of Justice; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Slayton also served the Commonwealth as chair of the board of Youth and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Slayton was appointed a judge in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the Tenth Judicial District in 1997 and presided with great fairness and wisdom until his retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Judge Franklin Slayton, who had offered his entire law library to the Charlotte County Court Clerk's Office, was honored when The Honorable Franklin M. Slayton Law Library was dedicated in his name; and

WHEREAS, Judge Slayton was a member and former deacon of First Presbyterian Church and served on the board of directors of the South Boston-Halifax County Museum of Fine Arts and History and on the board of directors of the Halifax Educational Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Judge Slayton served the community, the Commonwealth, and the nation with great distinction; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Slayton will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Ruth Jean; children, Sarah, Marshall, and George, and their families; numerous other family members and friends; and colleagues on both sides of the aisle; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of an admired public servant, the Honorable Franklin Marshall Slayton; 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 Franklin Marshall Slayton as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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