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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 397

Offered February 27, 2014

Commending the Honorable Charles E. Poston.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Charles E. Poston of Norfolk, a former chief judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 4th Judicial District of Virginia, retires as a judge of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit of Virginia on March 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, born in Greenville, South Carolina, Charles Poston attended public schools in Columbia, South Carolina; he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond, a master's degree from the University of Virginia, and a law degree from The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Charles Poston was a distinguished 1967 graduate of Indian Town Gap's ROTC summer camp, where he made many lifelong friends; and

WHEREAS, a heroic and decorated veteran, Charles Poston honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; he continued to serve in the United States Army Reserve, where he retired as a lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Charles Poston married Anita Owings and had three children, Charles Evans, Jr., John Wilson, and Margaret Elizabeth; he was a dedicated family man who successfully managed carpools during the years his children were in grade school; and

WHEREAS, Charles Poston practiced law in the Hampton Roads area from 1974 to 1988; he served as the chairman of the Citizens Advisory Council, the vice chairman of the Virginia Health Services Cost Review Council, and as an administrative hearing officer; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Charles Poston was appointed as a judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 4th Judicial District of Virginia, and he became the chief judge of the court from 1990 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, from 1994 to the present, Judge Poston has presided with great fairness and wisdom over the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit of Virginia; he served as chief judge from 1998 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the Norfolk Circuit Court, Judge Poston served as a member and chairman of the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee and as a member of Lawyers Helping Lawyers, the Judicial Council of Virginia, and the Virginia State Bar Professionalism Course faculty; he also served as the presiding judge of the first Mental Health Court in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Judge Poston works to impart his knowledge and experience as an adjunct professor of law at The College of William and Mary and an adjunct faculty member at Averett University; he previously served as an adjunct faculty member at St. Leo College (now University) and Tidewater Community College; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Judge Poston served the Norfolk community, the Commonwealth, and the nation with dedication and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Charles E. Poston on the occasion of his retirement as a judge of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Charles E. Poston as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service and best wishes on his well-earned retirement.

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