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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5077

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Celebrating the life of John C. Youngs.

Patrons—Hope, Brink, Krupicka, Lopez and Simon; Senators: Ebbin, Favola, Howell and Saslaw

WHEREAS, John C. Youngs, a highly respected attorney and the first public defender for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, died on February 27, 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Youngs attended Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard University in 1966; and

WHEREAS, John Youngs worked as a youth counselor and parole officer for the Ohio Youth Commission and as the chief of operations for Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, after earning a law degree from Georgetown University, John Youngs practiced law as a sole practitioner for 26 years in Arlington, handling extensive criminal matters; and

WHEREAS, John Youngs devoted the first 15 years of his practice almost exclusively to representing indigents, and he was appointed as the first public defender for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church in 2004; and

WHEREAS, with his patience, deep knowledge of the law, and devotion to helping others, John Youngs practiced law with great fairness and wisdom until his retirement in 2008; a man of great integrity, he served the community and the Commonwealth with dedication and distinction and was a mentor and friend to many attorneys over his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Arlington County Bar Association since 1976, John Youngs served in every capacity on the board of directors as an officer and past president, in addition to serving as chair of the courts committee for nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, John Youngs served on the Arlington County Community Services Board, where he assisted those who were suffering from mental illness or substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, John Youngs was awarded the prestigious Arlington County Bar Foundation's William L. Winston Award for his long-standing public service in the promotion of democratic ideals and the advancement of the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, John Youngs pursued a passion for opera and the collection of opera memorabilia; and

WHEREAS, John Youngs will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Charlotte; siblings Paul and Susan, and their families; and numerous other friends and associates; 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 John C. Youngs, a respected public servant in the Arlington County and City of Falls Church communities; 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 John C. Youngs as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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