

# 2014 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5095

*Commending Daniel D. Polsby.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 12, 2014  
Agreed to by the Senate, June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, Daniel D. Polsby has ably guided the George Mason University School of Law as dean for more than a decade, inspiring countless young attorneys and ensuring that the school remains a leader in legal education; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Polsby earned a bachelor's degree from Oakland University and a law degree from the University of Minnesota; in his distinguished career, he served as a clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, legal counsel to the Federal Communications Commission, an associate at a prominent Washington, D.C., law firm, and visiting professor or professor at schools throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, specializing in voting and employment rights, family law, spectrum utilization, and weapons policy, Daniel Polsby has authored numerous articles, book chapters, reviews, and reports; he is licensed to practice law in three states, Washington, D.C., and before the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Polsby joined George Mason University as an associate dean and a professor in 1999, becoming interim dean in 2004 and dean in 2005; under his leadership, the school has experienced an increase in applications and consistently attracted top students, faculty, and staff from around the country; and

WHEREAS, during Daniel Polsby's tenure as dean, George Mason University School of Law graduates have passed the bar exam at rates exceeding the Commonwealth's high state average, and graduates have consistently achieved success in a wide range of career fields; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Polsby supported the school's Law and Economics Center and helped found the Center for Protection of Intellectual Property, which has facilitated discussion of intellectual property rights among lawmakers, academics, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, seeking to help those who have served and sacrificed for the good of the nation, Daniel Polsby oversaw the creation of the Clinic for Legal Assistance to Servicemembers and Veterans, a program that offers pro bono legal representation to members of the military and their families; in 2013 and 2014, the center provided assistance to 44 clients; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Daniel D. Polsby on his exceptional leadership of George Mason University School of Law for more than a decade; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Daniel D. Polsby as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to higher education and the legal community.

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