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15104944D HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 247 Offered February 13, 2015 Commending the Honorable Rodham T. Delk, Jr.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Rodham T. Delk, Jr., a circuit court judge of the 5th Judicial Circuit of Virginia and a dedicated servant to the community and the Commonwealth, retired on March 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Rodham Delk grew up in Smithfield and earned a bachelor's degree from the Virginia Military Institute and a law degree from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, a respected and accomplished attorney, Rodham Delk practiced law in Smithfield for 21 years and served as a town attorney for Smithfield and Windsor; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Rodham Delk was appointed as a judge of the 5th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, which covers the Counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton and the Cities of Franklin and Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, the first judge from Isle of Wight County appointed to the circuit court since the 1970s, Rodham Delk presided with great fairness and wisdom until his well-earned retirement in 2014; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Rodham Delk served the Counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton and the Cities of Franklin and Suffolk with the utmost professionalism, dedication, and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Honorable Rodham T. Delk, Jr., hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as a judge of the 5th 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 Rodham T. Delk, Jr., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his service to the Commonwealth.