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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90

Offered March 10, 2016

*Commending the Honorable Thomas E. Gallahue.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas E. Gallahue retires as a presiding judge of the Fairfax County General District Court on March 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a native of Fairfax County, Thomas Gallahue earned a bachelor's degree from The Johns Hopkins University and a law degree from Catholic University; he was admitted to the bar in the Commonwealth, in Maryland, and in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Gallahue served as an assistant attorney for the Commonwealth for Fairfax County before opening a general practice firm focusing on criminal and traffic defense, where he was well-served by his encyclopedic knowledge of the roads of Fairfax County; he also served as a principal of two law firms between 1988 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1998, Thomas Gallahue was appointed as a judge of the Fairfax County General District Court of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia, where he presided with great fairness, independence, wisdom, compassion, and empathy for nearly 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Gallahue chaired the Fairfax Bar Association's General District Court Committee for two years and offered his leadership and expertise to several other committees, receiving the association's 1993-1994 President's Award; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Gallahue has previously served as a commissioner on the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission; as a board member of Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources of Fairfax, Inc.; and as the Mount Vernon District representative to the Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Citizens Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Gallahue is an avid cyclist and has participated in numerous charitable bicycle rides; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Thomas Gallahue served Fairfax County and the Commonwealth with the utmost professionalism and dedication; after his well-earned retirement, he plans to seek new opportunities to serve the community and to spend more time with his wife, Sandra, and their daughter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Honorable Thomas E. Gallahue hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as a judge of the Fairfax County General District Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Thomas E. Gallahue as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his service to Fairfax County and the Commonwealth.

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