

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 375

Commending the Honorable Jane Marum Roush.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2017
 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2017

WHEREAS, the Honorable Jane Marum Roush of Arlington, a former judge of the Fairfax Circuit Court and justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, has served the Commonwealth with dedication and distinction for more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Jane Roush was raised in Fairfax County as the fourth of five children of an elementary school principal and a United States Department of Justice lawyer; she attended the St. Leo the Great School for elementary and middle grades and Oakton High School; and

WHEREAS, after earning a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College and a law degree from the University of Virginia, Jane Roush began her legal career in 1981 with Boothe, Prichard & Dudley, specializing in bankruptcy litigation and general business law; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1985, Jane Roush practiced commercial litigation in state and federal courts, as well as general commercial law, lending, and real estate transactions cases for Hogan & Hartson, LLP; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Jane Roush was appointed as a judge of the Fairfax Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, where she presided with great fairness and wisdom until 2015; and

WHEREAS, Jane Roush wrote 160 opinions that have been widely cited across the Commonwealth and ably and capably presided over numerous difficult and contentious trials, including the trial of the "D.C. Sniper," Lee Boyd Malvo, the triple murder case of Charles Severance, and the *Colgate v. The Disthene Group, Inc.* trial, which set new Virginia standards for the dissolution of closely held corporations; and

WHEREAS, in July 2015, Jane Roush was appointed as an interim justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and ably served the Commonwealth in that capacity until February 2016; she currently serves as a mediator at the McCammon Group in Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Jane Roush has been an active member of the Fairfax Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association, and Virginia State Bar since 1981 and a member of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association since 1995; in 2017, she was named as a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Jane Roush has inspired and educated her fellow attorneys and judges as a faculty member of the National Judicial College, American Academy of Judicial Education, and Virginia College of Trial Advocacy, as a lecturer for the Virginia State Bar and Supreme Court of Virginia, and as a longtime co-editor of the Virginia Civil and Criminal Benchbook; and

WHEREAS, Jane Roush has served the Commonwealth as a member of the Judicial Council of Virginia, the Virginia Code Commission, the Judicial Conference of Virginia, and numerous other committees, commissions, and task forces; and

WHEREAS, Jane Roush is an exemplar of the integrity, professionalism, and unerring commitment to service demonstrated by attorneys and judges throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Jane Marum Roush for her service to the Commonwealth as a judge of the Fairfax Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit of Virginia and a justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Jane Marum Roush as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her distinguished legal career.

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