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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 53

Offered February 2, 2018

Commending Charles L. Shumate.

Patrons—Thomas, Carroll Foy and Cole

WHEREAS, Charles L. Shumate, a respected legal professional with more than 50 years of experience who has made countless contributions to the residents of Stafford County and the Commonwealth, will retire as Stafford County Attorney on March 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of the Commonwealth, Charles Shumate grew up in Vienna and graduated from the Virginia Military Institute; he earned his law degree from the American University, where he graduated in the top four percent of his class, then served his country as a member of the United States Army, earning a Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious actions during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Charles Shumate was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1967 and practiced law in Northern Virginia, focusing on land use, real estate, commercial and business transactions, and local government law; he tried numerous complex cases on real estate, commercial, and construction issues; and

WHEREAS, Charles Shumate played a pivotal role in many development projects that have shaped the community and strengthened the local economy, including University Center in Loudoun County and McNair Farms in Fairfax County, and he represented many national corporations as they sought to establish or expand a presence in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in addition to private practice, Charles Shumate practiced law with several well-known and respected law firms; he was a managing partner of Shumate, Kraftson & Sparrow, P.C., in Reston and Walsh, Colucci, Stackhouse, Emrich & Lubeley, P.C., in Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, Charles Shumate was retained as Special Counsel and Deputy City Attorney for the City of Fairfax, handling all types of government litigation and municipal representation, including service to several boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, Charles Shumate also served as Commissioner in Chancery for the Fairfax County Circuit Court for 15 years and was vice-chair of the committee that investigated and prosecuted grievances and ethical complaints against attorneys in Northern Virginia for three years; and

WHEREAS, Charles Shumate was appointed as the Stafford County Attorney in 2010 and has ably represented the county for more than seven years, bringing about the successful resolution of many outstanding legal matters; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Charles Shumate helped guide the Stafford County Board of Supervisors through redistricting in 2011 and provided invaluable support and legal advice during the deliberation and adoption of the Stafford County Comprehensive Plan 2016 - 2036; and

WHEREAS, serving with dedication and distinction, Charles Shumate cultivated a culture of leadership and integrity at the Stafford County Attorney's office and leaves a legacy of excellence for his successor and all of Stafford County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Charles L. Shumate hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as Stafford County Attorney; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Charles L. Shumate as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his legacy of exceptional service to the Stafford County community and the Commonwealth.

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