

2018 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Barry G. Logsdon.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2018

WHEREAS, the Honorable Barry G. Logsdon, a compassionate chief judge of the Newport News Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court who made many contributions to children and young adults throughout his life, died on January 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Barry Logsdon graduated from Green Run High School in Virginia Beach, received a bachelor's degree from The College of William and Mary, and earned a law degree from Regent University; and

WHEREAS, after completing his education, Barry Logsdon practiced law in Norfolk and Newport News, specializing in cases involving children; he served as a guardian ad litem and advocated for the best interests of many children in the legal process; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Barry Logsdon was appointed to the Newport News General District Court of the 7th Judicial District of Virginia; later that year, he transferred to the Newport News Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, where he became chief judge and presided with great fairness and wisdom until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Barry Logsdon relished the opportunity to help young members of the community put their lives back on track through the city's drug court program, which allowed them to avoid drug convictions by participating in voluntary monitoring and counseling; and

WHEREAS, Barry Logsdon was a trusted mentor and friend to his fellow attorneys and peers in the court, and he inspired many young people to make a difference in the community by pursuing careers in the legal profession, including former participants in the drug court program; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Barry Logsdon developed innovative initiatives to help young people; he led an effort to have cosmetic surgeons remove street gang tattoos at no cost and found ways to keep child-abuse victims separate from their abusers in court waiting rooms; and

WHEREAS, Barry Logsdon served Newport News and the Commonwealth with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction, all the while demonstrating a genuine, heartfelt care for the youth of the community; and

WHEREAS, Barry Logsdon will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Kimberly; his daughter, Rachel, and her family; his parents, Sonia and Glyndon; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Barry G. Logsdon, a compassionate judge of the Newport News Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Barry G. Logsdon as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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