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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 103

Offered January 31, 2018

Commending the Honorable Craig D. Johnston.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Craig D. Johnston, a former chief judge of both the Prince William General District Court and the Prince William Circuit Court, will retire as a judge after more than a decade on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Craig Johnston received a bachelor's degree from Dickinson College, then served the nation as an infantry officer during the Vietnam War; after his honorable military service, he earned a law degree from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Craig Johnston practiced law in Manassas for 30 years, garnering the respect of both community members and his peers in the legal field; he was a board member and past president of the Prince William County Bar Association and represented Prince William County on the Virginia State Bar Council for two terms; and

WHEREAS, Craig Johnston authored the first volume of the Thomson Reuters Virginia Practice series "Trial Handbook for Virginia Lawyers," which provides insights on practice, procedure, and rules of evidence in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Craig Johnston was appointed as a judge of the Prince William General District Court of the Thirty-first Judicial District of Virginia and served the members of the community with integrity, dedication, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Craig Johnston was then appointed to the Prince William Circuit Court of the Thirty-first Judicial Circuit of Virginia in 2009; he presided over the courts with fairness and wisdom and was selected to serve as chief judge of both; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Craig Johnston plans to spend more time with his wife of 48 years, Joyce, and their children and grandchildren; he will continue to serve the community as a substitute judge and a mediator; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Craig D. Johnston on the occasion of his retirement as a judge of the Prince William Circuit Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Craig D. Johnston as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding service to Prince William County and the Commonwealth.

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