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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 239

Offered March 5, 2018

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Donald Kent.

Patrons—Ebbin and Saslaw; Delegate: Herring

WHEREAS, the Honorable Donald Kent, a former chief judge of the Alexandria Circuit Court and a respected member of the Alexandria community, died on January 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Danville, Donald Kent earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond and graduated from its T.C. Williams School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Donald Kent served his country as a member of the United States Army, then practiced law in Alexandria as a partner in the firm Thomas, Kent, Haddock & Sewell; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Donald Kent was appointed as judge of the Alexandria Circuit Court of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Virginia; he presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom for more than two decades, serving as chief judge from 1984 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from the bench, Donald Kent served as counsel to the Virginia Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission, then joined the McCammon Group in 2000 and worked as a mediator until 2017; and

WHEREAS, Donald Kent was a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation and a member of the Boyd-Graves Conference, and he offered his expertise to two commissions organized by the Virginia Supreme Court, the Commission on the Prevention of Family Violence, and the Commission on the Future of Virginia's Judicial System; and

WHEREAS, among his many awards and accolades, Donald Kent received the Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award from the Virginia State Bar and the Distinguished Law Alumni Award from the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Donald Kent served the Commonwealth with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Donald Kent will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his beloved wife of 57 years, Linda; his children, Donald, Jr., and Lisa, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Donald Kent, a former judge of the Alexandria Circuit Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Donald Kent as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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