

2018 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 72

Commending the Honorable Helen Leiner.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 25, 2018
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 2018

WHEREAS, the Honorable Helen Leiner retires as a judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in 2018 after decades of work to support young people and families in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Helen Leiner earned her law degree from George Mason University, where she served as editor of the *George Mason University Law Review*; she clerked for judges in Fairfax County before entering private practice in the areas of family, juvenile, and criminal law; and

WHEREAS, a partner in several firms, Helen Leiner represented adults and minors accused of crimes and in matters involving protective orders, abuse, and neglect; she also served as a commissioner in chancery and acted as a guardian for children in court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, highly admired by her peers in the legal profession, Helen Leiner served on the Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar Criminal Law Section, was a past president of the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and served as a board member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Helen Leiner was appointed as a judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia, where she has presided with great fairness and wisdom for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a judge, Helen Leiner presented lectures on family law, was a member of the Virginia Supreme Court District Forms Committee, and was a judicial liaison to court interpreters; and

WHEREAS, a woman of great integrity, Helen Leiner has served Fairfax County and the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, after her well-earned retirement, Helen Leiner plans to spend more time with her children, all of whom were inspired by her example to join the legal profession, and her grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Helen Leiner on the occasion of her retirement as a judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Helen Leiner as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to Fairfax County and the Commonwealth.

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