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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1021

Offered February 17, 2019

Commending the Honorable Thomas J. Kelley, Jr.

Patrons—Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas J. Kelley, Jr., a respected member of the Arlington County community, retired as a judge of the Arlington General District Court in 2019; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Arlington County, Thomas Kelley earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Richmond before returning to Arlington and pursuing a career as an attorney; and

WHEREAS, during his career Thomas Kelley served as chair of the Police Trial Board, as escheator for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, as a member of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform, as president of the Association of District Court Judges, and as a mentor judge; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Thomas Kelley was appointed as a judge of the Arlington General District Court of the 17th Judicial District of Virginia and presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom until his well-earned retirement; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Kelley is a longtime member of the Arlington County Bar Association; he served on the board of directors from 1985 to 1995 and has offered his leadership and expertise to numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Kelley has served the community as a referee and umpire for youth athletics and as a Scoutmaster for Boy Scouts of America Troop 647; he enjoys fellowship and worship with the congregation of National City Christian Church, where he has held many leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Kelley has served the Commonwealth with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Thomas J. Kelley, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement as a judge; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Thomas J. Kelley, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service to Arlington County and the Commonwealth.

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