

2019 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1021

Commending the Honorable Thomas J. Kelley, Jr.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 19, 2019
Agreed to by the Senate, February 21, 2019

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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