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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 691

Offered January 9, 2019

Celebrating the life of the Honorable John Maston Davis.

Patrons—Ransone; Senators: McDougale and Stuart

WHEREAS, the Honorable John Maston Davis, a respected attorney and a former judge of the 15th Judicial District of Virginia, died on July 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, John Davis attended Farnham High School, graduated from Randolph-Macon College with a bachelor's degree in 1964, and earned his law degree from the University of Richmond in 1967; and

WHEREAS, John Davis joined the United States Marine Corps and was assigned to Marine Corps Base Quantico for two years; after his honorable military service, he continued to serve the public as an assistant attorney for the Commonwealth in Newport News; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, John Davis joined the firm Ryland and Fidler in Warsaw and subsequently became a partner in Ryland, Fidler and Davis; during this time, he also served as a substitute judge in the area; and

WHEREAS, in March 1995, John Davis was appointed as a judge for the 15th Judicial District of Virginia's Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, serving the Counties of Essex, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland; and

WHEREAS, John Davis presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom until his well-earned retirement from the bench in November 2008; throughout his long career, he served the Commonwealth with integrity, dedication, and distinction and demonstrated a great concern for the well-being of children in the court system; and

WHEREAS, John Davis enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community as a life member of Milden Presbyterian Church, where he helped lead the congregation as a deacon and an elder; and

WHEREAS, John Davis was an avid outdoorsman, and he supported young people in the community as a Little League baseball coach and manager for 11 years; his greatest joy in life was his family, and he relished every opportunity to spend time with his beloved children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, predeceased by one son, Karl, John Davis will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife of 47 years, Nancy, his children, Ryan, Todd, Gene, and Channing, and their families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable John Maston Davis; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable John Maston Davis as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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