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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 278

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*Commending the Honorable Bruce D. White.*

Patrons—Surovell, Barker, Boysko, Ebbin, Favola, Howell, Marsden, Petersen and Saslaw; Delegates: Kory and Lopez

WHEREAS, the Honorable Bruce D. White, chief judge of the Fairfax Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, has ably served the residents of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth as an attorney and a judge for more than five decades; and

WHEREAS, Bruce White holds degrees from The George Washington University and the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis, and he served his country as an officer in the United States Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps; and

WHEREAS, Bruce White practiced civil law for three decades, litigating more than 200 jury cases in Northern Virginia and throughout the Commonwealth over the course of his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, for 13 years, Bruce White offered his expertise to the 19th Judicial District of Virginia as a substitute judge for the Fairfax County General District Court and the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Bruce White was appointed as a judge of the Fairfax Circuit Court and presided over the court with great fairness, wisdom, and integrity; beginning in 2015, he was selected to serve as chief judge for three consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, Bruce White is an emeritus member of the George Mason American Inn of Court and a sought-after lecturer for legal programs throughout the Commonwealth; he has participated in the Fairfax County Model Judiciary Program for more than two decades, including 10 years as chief judge of the program; and

WHEREAS, Bruce White has served as a mentor to recently appointed circuit court judges and has inspired many young attorneys as a longtime adjunct professor at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School and a faculty member of the Virginia State Bar's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Bruce White served the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and distinction, and after his well-earned retirement, he plans to continue serving as a recall judge and a mediator; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Bruce D. White on the occasion of his retirement as a judge; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Bruce D. White as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his decades of service to the Commonwealth.

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