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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 650

Offered January 29, 2021

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Thomas Overton Jones.

Patrons—Carr (By Request), Adams, D.M. and McQuinn; Senator: Hashmi

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas Overton Jones, an esteemed attorney and former district court judge for the 13th Judicial District of Virginia, died on January 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Arlington, Thomas Jones graduated from the University of Virginia, where he had the honor of living on the lawn of the Rotunda, and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Richmond in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jones practiced law in downtown Richmond for several years, ultimately forming a partnership with his colleague Jim Thorsen; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his upstanding character and meticulous understanding of the law, Thomas Jones was appointed a district court judge for the 13th Judicial District of Virginia, serving the Commonwealth honorably for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, an active and engaged member of the Richmond arts community, Thomas Jones was an ardent supporter of several local cultural organizations, including the Valentine, Firehouse Theatre, SPARC, the Richmond Ballet, and the Visual Arts Center of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jones was an accomplished organist and worked tirelessly for the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Foundation to bring a new organ to the church; recently, he received an official commendation from the organization for his meritorious efforts on its behalf; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his deep and abiding faith, Thomas Jones enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond, where he served in various positions over the years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jones will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his loving wife, Rejena; his son, Jonathan; and numerous other family members and friends; 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 Thomas Overton Jones, a respected attorney and former district court judge for the 13th Judicial District of Virginia, whose unwavering kindness and generosity touched countless lives in the Richmond community; 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 Thomas Overton Jones as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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