SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

Commending Carl R. Bolling.

Agreed to by the Senate, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, Carl R. Bolling, an attorney in Richlands, has served several counties in the Southwest Virginia area for over four decades; and

WHEREAS, Carl "Randy" Bolling was born to Carlos and Flaudean Bolling on May 19, 1948, and grew up in Pound, where he graduated from Pound High School; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling married Cathy Foster on June 21, 1969, and the couple has raised two daughters, Joelle and Sara Beth; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling is a proud graduate of the University of Miami with a bachelor's degree in finance; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling attended the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law and graduated in 1975; and

WHEREAS, after law school, Randy Bolling went to work for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling returned to Southwest Virginia and opened his own office in Grundy on July 7, 1975; he received a \$10,000 unsecured loan from Miners & Merchants Bank and paid it back with money won from friendly poker games; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling's first desk in his office was a refrigerator box, but he helped the business grow and achieve success through his expertise and commitment to serving his clients; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Randy Bolling opened offices in Richlands and Lebanon, and in 1995 he opened an office in Abingdon, which remains open; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling helped mentor and train several lawyers through the years, including one who is a sitting judge and four who are still practicing attorneys in Southwest Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling represented the late Harry Ranier, legendary NASCAR team owner whose drivers included Davey Allison, Cale Yarborough, and Tony Stewart; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling has traveled to help clients close deals throughout the United States, as well as in France, Monte Carlo, and Australia; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling represented the parties behind the Pure Salmon project to develop salmon farming in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Randy Bolling represented hundreds of businesses and entrepreneurs throughout Southwest Virginia until his retirement in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, Randy and Cathy Bolling continue to serve the community in many ways, including through the local Backpacks Unite program, which Cathy organized with the United Way of Southwest Virginia for many years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Carl R. Bolling hereby be commended for his contributions and service to the residents throughout Southwest Virginia as a business owner and a pillar of the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carl R. Bolling as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his personal and professional achievements.