

23100724D

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 257

Offered January 11, 2023

Prefiled January 10, 2023

*Commending the Honorable Glenn L. Clayton II.*

Patrons—Surovell, Barker, Boysko, Ebbin, Favola, Howell, Marsden, Petersen and Saslaw; Delegates: Bulova, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Helmer, Kory, Krizek, Lopez, Murphy, Plum, Seibold, Shin, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan, Tran, Watts and Willett

WHEREAS, the Honorable Glenn L. Clayton II, a highly respected former chief judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, will retire from the bench on April 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a native of Ohio, Glenn Clayton holds degrees from Bucknell University and the University of Toledo College of Law; he was admitted to practice law in Ohio, Washington, D.C., and Virginia, and worked as an attorney in Northern Virginia for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Glenn Clayton represented both adults and juveniles and served as a guardian ad litem; was an active member of the Fairfax Bar Association; co-authored several legal publications; and was a sought-after speaker on juvenile law; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Clayton was appointed as a judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia in October 2006, when the court expanded from seven to eight judges; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Clayton presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom; served as a liaison on matters of criminal procedure, technology, and foreign language interpretation; and was elected as chief judge of the court in July 2012 and ably served the court in that capacity for two years; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Clayton earned many awards and accolades, including two President's Awards from the Fairfax Bar Association for his efforts to retain eight judges in the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Glenn Clayton was appointed by the chief justice of the Virginia Supreme Court to the Judicial Needs Advisory Committee, which oversaw a statewide study of weighted caseloads; and

WHEREAS, at the state level, Glenn Clayton also served for 11 years as treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Council of Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges, and was an active member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Clayton shared his wise insights with countless students as an adjunct professor of family law at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, outside of his profession, Glenn Clayton has held leadership positions in numerous youth organizations, coached youth athletics, and volunteered his time as president of the Robinson High School Athletic Boosters, president of the Bucknell University Alumni Association, and a member of the Bucknell University Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Clayton served the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication, integrity, and distinction and after his well-earned retirement, plans to spend more time with his beloved family, travel, and nurture his passion for photography; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Glenn L. Clayton II on the occasion of his retirement as a judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Glenn L. Clayton II as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional service to the residents of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth.

INTRODUCED

SJ257