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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 445

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending the Honorable Thomas D. Horne.*

Patrons—Minchew, Albo, Greason, Cole, Comstock, LaRock, LeMunyon, Lingamfelter, Ramadan, Rust and Webert; Senators: Black, Favola, Obenshain, Vogel and Wexton

WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas D. Horne retired as a judge of the Loudoun Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit of Virginia on December 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, Thomas Horne earned a bachelor's degree from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and a law degree from The College of William and Mary; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Horne joined the United States Marine Corps and honorably served his country in Vietnam as an officer in the Judge Advocate Division; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Thomas Horne moved to Leesburg and began a long career in the Loudoun County legal community; a skilled and hardworking trial attorney, he operated a private practice and served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, desiring to be of further service to the Commonwealth, Thomas Horne became Loudoun County's first elected Commonwealth's Attorney in 1979; he faithfully served in that position until he was appointed as a judge of the Loudoun Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit of Virginia in 1982; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 30 years on the bench, Judge Horne heard many prominent cases and established a reputation for compassion, professionalism, and respect; and

WHEREAS, also serving on the Loudoun Drug Court until 2012, Judge Horne presided with great fairness and wisdom over the circuit court until his retirement in 2013; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader in the legal field, Judge Horne was instrumental in the creation of a reference book for judges and attorneys in the Commonwealth and offered his expertise to the judicial boundary realignment study; and

WHEREAS, Judge Horne strives to support the youth of the community; he started a law camp for local high school students and helped form youth soccer and lacrosse leagues in the county; and

WHEREAS, Judge Horne will continue to serve Loudoun County as a substitute judge and intends to work as a mediator; he currently sits on a special committee working to revise criminal discovery rules; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, Judge Horne served the Loudoun County community, the Commonwealth, and the nation with dedication and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Thomas D. Horne on the occasion of his retirement as a judge of the Loudoun Circuit Court of the 20th Judicial Circuit of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Thomas D. Horne as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service and best wishes on his well-earned retirement.

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