

2014 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 445

Commending the Honorable Thomas D. Horne.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 5, 2014
Agreed to by the Senate, March 7, 2014

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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