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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 365

Offered February 3, 2017

*Commending the Honorable David S. Schell.*

Patrons—Surovell, Barker, Ebbin, Favola, Howell, Marsden, Petersen, Saslaw and Wexton; Delegates: Albo, Boysko, Bulova, Filler-Corn, Hugo, Keam, Kory, Krizek, LeMunyon, Levine, Lopez, Murphy, Plum, Sickles, Simon and Watts

WHEREAS, the Honorable David S. Schell retired as a judge of the Fairfax County Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit of Virginia in December 2016 after 25 years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Southern Mississippi, serving his country as a member of the United States Army, and earning a law degree from American University, David Schell practiced family, juvenile, criminal, and mental health law in Fairfax County from 1979 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, David Schell was appointed as judge of the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia, and he served as chief judge of the court from 1998 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, David Schell offered his expertise to the court on a number of committees, including as chair of the Advisory Committee to the Supreme Court of Virginia for the Court Improvement Program - Foster Care and Adoption and as a member of the Judicial Liaison Committee and the Judicial Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, David Schell was appointed as a judge of the Fairfax County Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, where he presided with great fairness and wisdom until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, respected among his peers, David Schell was an active member of the Fairfax Bar Association and was a frequent lecturer on a variety of topics; a man of great integrity, he served the Commonwealth with dedication and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable David S. Schell, a respected member of the Fairfax County community, on the occasion of his retirement as a judge; and, be it

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

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