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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

Offered February 20, 2018

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Charles Alwyn Perkinson, Jr.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Charles Alwyn Perkinson, Jr., former chief judge of the Sixth Judicial District Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, died on August 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, born in Richmond to the late Charles Alwyn and Virginia White Perkinson, Charles Perkinson grew up in Brunswick County, where he gained a lifelong appreciation for the treasures of small-town life; and

WHEREAS, after attending Washington and Lee University, Charles Perkinson earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Charles Perkinson was appointed as a judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the Sixth Judicial District of Virginia, serving the Counties of Brunswick, Greensville, Prince George, Surry, and Sussex, and the Cities of Emporia and Hopewell; he presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom for many years, becoming chief judge; and

WHEREAS, Charles Perkinson served the Commonwealth with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction during his time on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Charles Perkinson also helped preserve the Commonwealth's wetlands and upland wildlife habitats as a member of the nonprofit organization Ducks Unlimited; he served the organization at the state and national levels, making many lifelong friendships; and

WHEREAS, Charles Perkinson's greatest joy in life was his family, especially his cherished grandchildren, Nathan, Gavin, and Laura, who affectionately knew him as "Pa Perk" and with whom he shared many happy memories, especially at his beloved home on Lake Gaston; and

WHEREAS, Charles Perkinson's wife of 52 years, Patricia, died on May 2, 2017; he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his daughters, Tara, Tori, and Tricia, and their families, and numerous other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Charles Perkinson enjoyed watching the sessions of the Senate of Virginia with his wife, Pat, every day, it is especially appropriate that; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of Virginia hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Charles Alwyn Perkinson, Jr., a respected judge and active member of the Brunswick County community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Charles Alwyn Perkinson, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's respect for his memory.