

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 234

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Frederick B. Lowe.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 25, 2021

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frederick B. Lowe, a distinguished former chief judge of the Virginia Beach Circuit Court and a highly admired member of the Virginia Beach community, died on December 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" B. Lowe grew up in the close-knit community of Franklin and was a multisport athlete in high school, playing on the football, basketball, and tennis teams at Franklin High School; he graduated from The College of William & Mary and received a Juris Doctor Degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lowe subsequently served his country as a member of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, then settled in Virginia Beach to practice law, becoming one of the first attorneys to work in the Virginia Beach Public Defender Office; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Fred Lowe was appointed as a judge of the Virginia Beach Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit of Virginia, having previously served as the court's commissioner of accounts; and

WHEREAS, a servant-leader throughout his life, Fred Lowe was dedicated to strengthening the Virginia Beach community and treated everyone who entered his courtroom with dignity, respect, and empathy; providing equal access to justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lowe presided over the court with fairness and integrity for 21 years and was selected to serve as chief judge; after his well-earned retirement in 2012, he continued to provide his wisdom and expertise as a substitute judge and mediator; and

WHEREAS, outside of his legal career, Fred Lowe was an avid fisherman and sailor, and he remained a talented athlete who regularly played golf and tennis and traveled the world to ski; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated family man, Fred Lowe relished every opportunity to support his daughters at school events, and his delicious home cooking never failed to impress family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lowe will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his loving wife of 54 years, Nancy; his daughters, Molly and Susan, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Frederick B. Lowe, a former chief judge of the Virginia Beach Circuit Court and a beloved member of the Virginia Beach community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Frederick B. Lowe as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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