

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 279

Commending the Honorable Steven Selwyn Smith.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 14, 2021
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 18, 2021

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2021, the Honorable Steven Selwyn Smith, a former chief judge of both the Prince William General District Court and the Prince William Circuit Court, will retire as a judge after 12 years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Steven S. Smith was raised on a farm in Manassas by his parents, the Honorable H. Selwyn Smith and Virginia Busk Smith, with his three siblings, Victor A. Smith, Alison Smith Dixon, and Carolyn Smith Jacobs, whom he dearly loves; and

WHEREAS, Steven S. Smith attended public schools in Prince William County, graduating in 1971, then received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia in 1975 and earned his law degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Steven S. Smith practiced law in Manassas for 30 years and worked for many community organizations, including the Prince William Area Free Clinic, Historic Manassas, Inc., and the Prince William Medical Center, before being elected to two terms with the Manassas City Council; and

WHEREAS, Steven S. Smith was appointed to the Prince William General District Court of the 31st Judicial District of Virginia on May 1, 2009, and served the members of the community with integrity, dedication, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Steven S. Smith was then appointed to the Prince William Circuit Court of the 31st Judicial Circuit of Virginia on July 1, 2015, and presided over the court with empathy, fairness, and wisdom; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Steven S. Smith plans to spend more time with his dear wife, Jane, their three grown children, Oliver, Austin, and Mason Smith, and other family and friends at his river property in Erica, Virginia; in Taos, New Mexico; or in West Palm Beach, Florida; he will also continue to serve the Commonwealth as a substitute judge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Steven Selwyn Smith on the occasion of his retirement as a judge of the Prince William Circuit Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Steven Selwyn Smith as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding service to Prince William County and the Commonwealth.