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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

Offered January 12, 2022

*Commending the Honorable William C. Mims.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable William C. Mims has served the residents of the Commonwealth for 12 years as a member of the Virginia Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, a native of Harrisonburg, William Mims holds a bachelor's degree from The College of William and Mary and law degrees from George Washington University and Georgetown University; and

WHEREAS, a highly experienced public servant, William Mims previously served in the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia, representing Loudoun County, and was elected by the General Assembly as the 45th Attorney General of Virginia to fill an unexpired term in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, William Mims was sworn in as the 100th justice of the Virginia Supreme Court, becoming only the second justice to have previously served as both a member of the General Assembly and as an Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, William Mims has earned the respect of his colleagues in the legal profession for his meticulous attention to detail and commitment to fully understanding the unique facets of each case; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, William Mims has worked diligently to improve access to mental health services and improve the foster care system in the Commonwealth, offering his expertise to the boards of Voices for Virginia's Children, the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, and the Virginia Health Care Foundation, and on the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform; and

WHEREAS, William Mims has also served as an adjunct professor at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School as well as the Appalachian School of Law and plans to seek other opportunities as an educator; and

WHEREAS, a model public servant, William Mims has enhanced the quality of life throughout the Commonwealth and demonstrated the utmost professionalism, dedication, and integrity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable William C. Mims for his outstanding service as a justice of the Virginia Supreme Court; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable William C. Mims as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements on behalf of the residents of the Commonwealth.

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