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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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Commending the Honorable Michael J. Cassidy.

Patrons—Surovell, Barker, Boysko, Ebbin, Favola, Howell, Marsden, McClellan, Petersen and Saslaw;
Delegates: Bulova, Filler-Corn, Helmer, Keam, Kory, Krizek, Lopez, Murphy, Plum, Shin, Sickles,
Simon, Sullivan, Tran and Watts

WHEREAS, the Honorable Michael J. Cassidy has served the residents of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth for more than two decades as a judge of the Fairfax County General District Court; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy grew up in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School; he subsequently earned a bachelor's degree from Mount Saint Mary's University, then served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy deployed to Vietnam as a member of the 23rd Infantry Division and the 196th Infantry Brigade, earning the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Award; he also worked in public affairs and authored several articles for his unit publication, *Army Times*, and *Stars and Stripes*; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy worked as a law-enforcement officer in Virginia Beach while attending The College of William and Mary Law School, then began his legal career as an assistant Commonwealth's attorney in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy subsequently worked as a criminal defense attorney and a general practitioner with appearances in state and federal trial and appellate courts; he also served as a substitute judge in courts throughout Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy was selected as a judge of the Fairfax County General District Court of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia in 1998; he presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom and was appointed as chief judge in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy represented the Fairfax County General District Court before numerous local and state boards and commissions, participated in outreach programs in local schools, and was a trusted mentor to other district court judges in the region; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy has served the Fairfax County community and the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Michael J. Cassidy 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 Michael J. Cassidy as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements and service to the Commonwealth.