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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 299

Offered February 1, 2023

Commending the Honorable William J. Minor, Jr.

Patrons—Surovell, Barker, Boysko, Ebbin, Favola, Howell, Marsden, Petersen and Saslaw

WHEREAS, the Honorable William J. Minor, Jr., a judge of the Fairfax General District Court of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia, has ably served the residents of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth as an attorney and a judge for four decades; and

WHEREAS, William Minor received his primary and secondary education in the Arlington County Public Schools and graduated from Washington-Lee High School; and

WHEREAS, William Minor attended the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), graduating with a bachelor's degree in history and an officer's commission in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from VMI, William Minor was selected to attend Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, where he mastered the art and science of flying the T-37 and T-38 jet trainers, and from which he graduated and received the silver wings of a United States Air Force pilot; and

WHEREAS, William Minor successfully qualified as a co-pilot on the C-130 Hercules and proudly flew as an air crew member with the 36th Tactical Airlift Squadron in support of its worldwide mission, primarily in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean; he then joined the 37th Tactical Airlift Squadron in support of American and NATO forces in Europe; and

WHEREAS, William Minor was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force with the rank of captain, then earned a law degree from what is now the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, William Minor began his legal career as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County under the Honorable Robert F. Horan, Jr.; during his time in that office, William Minor prosecuted almost every type of crime, from traffic infractions to murder, including well over 100 jury trials; and

WHEREAS, in the years following his service in the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, William Minor continued to practice trial law in both civil and criminal cases, with particular emphasis in personal injury litigation; it was during this period that he was appointed as a substitute judge by the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, and subsequently served actively for nine years in that capacity in both General District Courts and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts in Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, William Minor was appointed as a judge of the General District Court of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia in 2003, and in the 20 years since has served the court as a trial judge as well as in a number of other capacities, including providing supervision of the Mental Commitment Hearing Process and as the supervising judge of the Criminal Division of the Fairfax County General District Court; and

WHEREAS, a man of great integrity, William Minor has served the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and distinction, and after his well-earned retirement, he plans to continue serving as a recall judge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable William J. Minor, Jr., 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 William J. Minor, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his decades of service to the Commonwealth.

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