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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 559

Offered January 29, 2025

Celebrating the life of William David Dolan III.

Patrons—Simon; Senators: Deeds, Ebbin, Favola, McPike and Surovell

WHEREAS, William David Dolan III of Falls Church, a distinguished trial attorney who had a long-lasting impact on the legal profession in Northern Virginia through his visionary leadership and commitment to excellence, died on May 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a native of Washington, D.C., William “Bill” David Dolan III earned a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a law degree from The Catholic University of America, then began his career as an attorney in private practice; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dolan was known both for his tenacious representation of his clients and his unwavering commitment to civility and grace; he earned the admiration of judges and juries for his professionalism, expertise, and humility; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dolan provided his exceptional leadership to the Virginia State Bar as president and made transformative contributions to the Committee on Women and Minorities in the Profession, the mandatory Professionalism Course, and the Advisory Committee on Rules of Court of the Virginia Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dolan became known as a “lawyer's lawyer” who represented law firms and other attorneys while promoting the importance of continuing education and cultivating high standards in the legal profession; he was proudly selected as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in recognition of his legal acumen and legacy of accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dolan also served on the Virginia State Board for Community Colleges, the Arlington Community Foundation, the Arlington County Consumer Protection Commission, and the Arlington County Emergency Medical Services Council, in addition to his work as a director of Arlington Hospital, now Virginia Hospital Center, and as an adjunct associate professor at Georgetown University School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dolan will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his children, Kathleen and Tom, and their families; his loving partner, Jean Statler; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of William David Dolan III, a highly respected trial attorney in Northern Virginia; 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 William David Dolan III as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.