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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 674

Offered April 1, 2025

Commending the Honorable Deborah C. Welsh.

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Deborah C. Welsh, an esteemed attorney who has served as a district court judge for the 20th Judicial District in the Commonwealth for more than 12 years, retired on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Welsh obtained a bachelor's degree and juris doctor degree from the University of Richmond in preparation for her career as an attorney; and

WHEREAS, over the course of more than 30 years, Deborah Welsh first worked as an attorney in private practice, and then as the deputy town attorney for the Town of Leesburg and as town attorney for the Town of Purcellville; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Welsh was elected by the General Assembly to serve as a judge in the 20th Judicial District of Virginia, which encompasses Fauquier, Loudoun, and Rappahannock Counties, in May 2012 and was sworn in on June 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS, during her time on the bench, Deborah Welsh earned the admiration and respect of many through her integrity and commitment to justice and fairness; she also took a keen interest in developing and implementing specialized court dockets that provided opportunities for treatment and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Welsh was instrumental in the establishment and success of the Loudoun General District Court's Mental Health Docket and the Loudoun County Veteran's Treatment Docket, serving as the presiding judge of both programs; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Welsh's efforts to uphold and apply the laws of the Commonwealth in an upstanding and impartial manner have earned her the approbation and praise of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Honorable Deborah C. Welsh hereby be commended for her legacy of public service on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Deborah C. Welsh as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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