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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 93

Offered January 13, 2022

*Commending the Honorable Marcus H. Long, Jr.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Marcus H. Long, Jr., completed his term as a judge of the 27th Judicial Circuit of Virginia in June 2020 after a distinguished 44-year legal career; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Marcus Long practiced law as an attorney with Long and Long in Blacksburg, notably serving as counsel to the Blacksburg-VPI Sanitation Authority and special counsel to the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Marcus Long was selected as a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judge of the 27th Judicial District of Virginia; he presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom during his time on the bench and established the Montgomery County Family Drug Court to support families with children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Long became a judge of the 27th Judicial Circuit of Virginia in 2012 and served as chief judge from 2013 to 2015 and 2018 to 2020; he remained a visionary leader in the promotion of drug treatment courts, establishing such courts in the Counties of Floyd, Montgomery, and Pulaski; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Marcus Long was a sought-after speaker on a number of topics and a trusted mentor and friend to many fellow legal professionals; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Long has offered his leadership to the boards of the Children's Home of Iredell County, North Carolina, and the Safe Surfing Foundation, and he is a former member of the Christiansburg-Blacksburg Rotary Club, Blacksburg Jaycees, and New River Valley Friends of the Roanoke Symphony, among other civic organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Marcus H. Long, Jr., for his service as a judge of the 27th Judicial Circuit of Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Marcus H. Long, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements on behalf of the residents of Southwest Virginia.

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