

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 132

Celebrating the life of the Honorable Richard Allen Claybrook, Jr.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 24, 2022
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2022

WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard Allen Claybrook, Jr., an accomplished attorney who later served as a judge on the 26th General District Court, died on November 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Rick" Claybrook graduated from Bridgewater College in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in art history before earning his juris doctor degree from the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law three years later; and

WHEREAS, Rick Claybrook began his illustrious career in politics, supporting the campaign of Governor John Dalton and later serving in his administration; and

WHEREAS, Rick Claybrook subsequently settled in Harrisonburg and established his legal career, working alternately in private practice and with the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, both as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Rick Claybrook was sworn in as a judge on the 26th General District Court in 2009 and served with a great sense of duty and purpose until his retirement in 2015, then five years after as a substitute judge; and

WHEREAS, with experience as both a prosecutor and a defense attorney, Rick Claybrook was fair and impartial on the bench, while also receiving credit for his efforts to make the court system more accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, Rick Claybrook was active and engaged in his community and gave generously of his time as a member of the Bridgewater Ruritan Club; and

WHEREAS, guided throughout his life by his faith, Rick Claybrook enjoyed worship and fellowship with his community at Asbury United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg for many years; and

WHEREAS, Rick Claybrook will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his mother, Elizabeth; his sister, Helen; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of the Honorable Richard Allen Claybrook, Jr., whose service on behalf of the citizens of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County touched countless lives; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of the Honorable Richard Allen Claybrook, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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