

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Commending the Honorable Michael J. Cassidy.

Agreed to by the Senate, January 20, 2022
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 2022

WHEREAS, the Honorable Michael J. Cassidy has served the residents of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth for more than two decades as a judge of the Fairfax County General District Court; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy grew up in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School; he subsequently earned a bachelor's degree from Mount Saint Mary's University, then served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy deployed to Vietnam as a member of the 23rd Infantry Division and the 196th Infantry Brigade, earning the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Award; he also worked in public affairs and authored several articles for his unit publication, *Army Times*, and *Stars and Stripes*; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy worked as a law-enforcement officer in Virginia Beach while attending The College of William and Mary Law School, then began his legal career as an assistant Commonwealth's attorney in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy subsequently worked as a criminal defense attorney and a general practitioner with appearances in state and federal trial and appellate courts; he also served as a substitute judge in courts throughout Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy was selected as a judge of the Fairfax County General District Court of the 19th Judicial District of Virginia in 1998; he presided over the court with great fairness and wisdom and was appointed as chief judge in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy represented the Fairfax County General District Court before numerous local and state boards and commissions, participated in outreach programs in local schools, and was a trusted mentor to other district court judges in the region; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cassidy has served the Fairfax County community and the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Honorable Michael J. Cassidy 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 Michael J. Cassidy as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements and service to the Commonwealth.

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