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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 89

Offered February 2, 2022

Commending John H. Foote.

Patrons—McPike, Barker, Bell, Stuart and Surovell; Delegates: Maldonado, Mundon King, Roem, Sewell, Subramanyam and Torian

WHEREAS, John H. Foote, an esteemed attorney at the firm Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C., was inducted into the *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* Hall of Fame in 2021; and

WHEREAS, John Foote began his distinguished legal career in the Office of the County Attorney of Prince William County, serving as its chief litigator while holding the title of deputy county attorney from 1977 to 1982 and county attorney from 1982 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, John Foote entered private practice in 1989 with the firm Hazel & Thomas, P.C., and 10 years later joined the firm Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C., where he has been one of the leaders of its land use and zoning division; and

WHEREAS, John Foote has admirably represented clients throughout the Commonwealth before the governing bodies and subsidiary boards of more than two dozen Virginia jurisdictions and numerous state agencies; and

WHEREAS, John Foote has argued more than 20 cases before the Supreme Court of Virginia, resulting in some of the court's most significant land use and zoning decisions in recent years; and

WHEREAS, John Foote's considerable expertise of land use and zoning laws in the Commonwealth includes federal regulation of wetland and waters of the United States, state regulation of Chesapeake Bay Protection Areas and storm-water management, and historic preservation requirements; and

WHEREAS, John Foote is the author of a principal text on planning and zoning in the Commonwealth and has given generously of his time to teach and mentor younger generations of attorneys in the areas of land use and local government; and

WHEREAS, John Foote's professional accomplishments have earned him numerous accolades over the years in addition to his recent hall of fame induction, including being named Lawyer of the Year by publisher Best Lawyers in 2016 and being consistently listed in the company's *Best Lawyers in America* publications; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John H. Foote for being inducted into the *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* Hall of Fame; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John H. Foote as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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