

COMMENDATION

RECOGNIZING HONORABLE JUDGE JOSEPH J. ELLIS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Honorable Joseph J. Ellis, Circuit Court Judge for the 15th Judicial Circuit and Presiding Judge in Spotsylvania County, Virginia will retire July 1, 2019, marking 20 years of significant legal and educational contributions to the County and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ellis was appointed to the Spotsylvania Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court July 1, 1999, where he served until April 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ellis has educated countless teenaged drivers by warning them about the results of unsafe driving while presenting them with their driver's licenses in court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ellis won the Virginia Governor's Transportation Safety Award in 2006 as recognition of his work to educate teens on driving responsibly; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ellis was appointed to the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia May 1, 2008, serving as Presiding Judge of Spotsylvania Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ellis has served as adjunct professor at the University of Richmond School of Law since the fall of 2013; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ellis has impacted many in our community by helping them turn around their lives, working to reduce teen driver deaths on County roadways, and always treating those in court with dignity and respect, regardless of their reason for coming before him; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors, this 11th day of June 2019, publicly recognizes the Honorable Judge Joseph J. Ellis and extends on behalf of its members and the residents of Spotsylvania, appreciation for his service to the County and congratulations upon his retirement.

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