

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 927

Commending William W. Wilkins, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, for his commitment and dedication to public service, the judicial system, and the rule of law, as he enters his 25th year of service as a member of the Federal judiciary.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2006

Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Commending William W. Wilkins, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, for his commitment and dedication to public service, the judicial system, and the rule of law, as he enters his 25th year of service as a member of the Federal judiciary.

Whereas Chief Judge William W. Wilkins entered public service in 1967 as an officer in the Army, eventually earning the rank of Colonel in the Army Reserve;

Whereas he served as a law clerk to a Federal judge and as a legislative assistant to a Member of the United States Senate;

Whereas he served as an elected Solicitor in South Carolina and earned a reputation as a fearless prosecuting attorney;

Whereas in 1981, newly-elected President Ronald Reagan appointed Chief Judge Wilkins as his first appointment in the nation to the position of United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina;

Whereas in 1985, President Reagan appointed him to be the first Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission and, under his determined leadership, major positive changes in our Federal criminal justice system were achieved;

Whereas in 1986, President Reagan appointed him to the position of Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals;

Whereas in 2003, he was elevated to the position of Chief Judge of his court;

Whereas he has served as the Chair of the Criminal Law Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States and presently serves as a member of this Conference;

Whereas he is a nationally recognized jurist and known for his scholarship, sharp wit, and unyielding allegiance to supporting and adhering to the rule of law;

Whereas he is the author of many law review articles and is a frequent lecturer at law schools; and

Whereas he has been honored by countless organizations over the years for his public service: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representative com-  
2 mends Chief Judge Wilkins for his service to the Federal

1 judiciary for the last 25 years and for his lifetime of dedi-  
2 cated public service.

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