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S. RES. 536

Commending the 25th year of service in the Federal judiciary by William W. Wilkins, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 20, 2006

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. DEMINT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Commending the 25th year of service in the Federal judiciary by William W. Wilkins, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

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

Whereas Chief Judge Wilkins served as the elected Solicitor in South Carolina and earned the reputation as a fearless prosecuting attorney;

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

Whereas, in 1985, President Reagan appointed Chief Judge Wilkins to be the first Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission;

Whereas, under the determined leadership of Chief Judge Wilkins, the Sentencing Commission achieved major positive changes in the Federal criminal justice system;

Whereas, in 1986, President Reagan appointed Chief Judge Wilkins to the position of Circuit Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit;

Whereas, in 2003, Chief Judge Wilkins was elevated to the position of Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit;

Whereas Chief Judge Wilkins has served as the Chair of the Criminal Law Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States and, as of the date of approval of this resolution, serves as a member of this Conference; and

Whereas Chief Judge Wilkins is a nationally recognized jurist and is known for his scholarship, sharp wit, and unyielding allegiance to supporting and adhering to the rule of law: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate commends the 25th year
2 of service in the Federal judiciary and a lifetime of dedi-
3 cated public service by William W. Wilkins, Chief Judge
4 of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Cir-
5 cuit.

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