

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO JUDGE DONALD E. SHELTON
FOR TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AS A CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE
WASHTENAW COUNTY TRIAL COURT AND HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
RESIDENTS OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AUGUST 6, 2014

WHEREAS, the Honorable Donald E. Shelton served with distinction for twenty-four years as a circuit judge for the Washtenaw County Trial Court; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton has been a dedicated public servant, having served from 1970 to 1974 as an attorney in the U.S. Army JAG Corps; from 1978 to 1986 as the Mayor of Saline; from 1983 to 1985 as the Chair of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; and from 1987 to 1990 as a Regent at Eastern Michigan University; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton possesses both impressive legal and academic credentials that place him among the very elite judges nationally including having received a B.A. in Social Sciences from Western Michigan University; a J.D. from the University of Michigan; an Honor Graduate designation from the Judge Advocate Generals School; a M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Eastern Michigan University; and a Ph.D. in Judicial Studies from the University of Nevada; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton excelled in his judicial role performing with compassion, dedication, wisdom, integrity, and respect for the law throughout his tenure; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton's visionary insight and skilled leadership produced a lasting legacy of improvements to the Washtenaw County Trial Court including, most notably, his use of technology in the courtroom and his advances in court systems and case management; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton is a nationally recognized expert in forensic science who frequently presents at local and national conferences and has authored numerous books and articles; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Shelton imparted his knowledge of the criminal justice system through his teaching at Eastern Michigan University from 1997 to the present, and his expertise in forensic science through his teaching at Thomas M. Cooley Law School from 2011 to the present.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners commends and thanks the Honorable Donald E. Shelton for his outstanding twenty-four years of service to the Washtenaw County and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners wishes him a long, happy and rewarding retirement.

Yousef Rabhi
Chair, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
District 8