

FOR the purpose of renaming the District Courthouse located in Silver Spring, Montgomery County, the Judge L. Leonard Ruben District Courthouse; providing for certain funding for the implementation of this Act; requiring a certain administrative officer to change certain signs to reflect the renaming of the Courthouse; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the renaming of the District Courthouse located in Silver Spring, Montgomery County.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 1-603.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Judge L. Leonard Ruben served as a member of the United States Navy during the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, He served for one term as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, representing Silver Spring, beginning in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ruben was appointed to the Montgomery County District Court in 1974, where he served until 1983, when he was promoted to the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge L. Leonard Ruben served with distinction until 1995 when he reached the mandatory retirement age of 70, and after retirement continued to help with heavy caseloads by hearing cases several times a month; and

WHEREAS, Known as a fair and sensible jurist, Judge Ruben was highly interactive with and attentive to the parties that appeared before him and made every effort to balance justice and compassion as he deliberated and issued his decisions; and

WHEREAS, He further distinguished himself by initiating an anti-drug program that served as a model for other jurisdictions in Maryland and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ruben was active in his community, having served on the Board of Directors of the Hebrew Home for Greater Washington, as well as other community-based institutions; and

WHEREAS, Former Maryland State Senator Ida G. Ruben, Judge Ruben's wife, was instrumental in securing the funding for and securing the construction of the Silver Spring District Courthouse, that opened in 2004; and