

WHEREAS, Judge L. Leonard Ruben, throughout his life, demonstrated an exceptional level of selfless service, ensuring that his compassion and commitment to justice would remain as a lasting legacy to the Maryland and Montgomery County legal communities; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to express its profound respect for, and deep gratitude to, Judge L. Leonard Ruben, and to name the District Courthouse, located at 8552 Second Avenue, Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland, in his honor, and in honor of his service to Montgomery County and the State of Maryland; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

1-603.1.

THE DISTRICT COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT 8552 SECOND AVENUE, SILVER SPRING, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, SHALL BE RENAMED THE JUDGE L. LEONARD RUBEN DISTRICT COURTHOUSE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Funding for the implementation of this Act shall be as provided to the extent funds are available in the budget of the Judicial Branch appropriated in the State Budget for fiscal 2008.

(b) The Chief Administrative Clerk of District 6 - Montgomery County shall ensure the changing of the existing signs in the Courthouse to reflect the renaming of the District Courthouse located in Silver Spring, Montgomery County, as the Judge L. Leonard Ruben District Courthouse.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.