

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF NEW KENT, VIRGINIA**

R-40-08

At a special work session of the New Kent County Board of Supervisors in the Boardroom of the County Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 21st day of October, 2008.

Present:	Vote:
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
D. M. Sparks	Aye
Stran L. Trout	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

Motion was made by Mr. Davis, which carried 5:0, to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING
JOHN G. SOWDER
UPON THE OCCASION OF
HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY**

WHEREAS, John G. Sowder moved to New Kent County, Virginia in 1940, with a degree in forestry, and managed what was then the Game Farm in New Kent County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sowder served his country as a member of the Army Air Corps during World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, Mr. Sowder obtained his law degree and practiced law in New Kent County from 1950 to 1960; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sowder became New Kent's Commonwealth's Attorney in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sowder was thereafter appointed Judge of the Ninth District of the Juvenile Court, a position he held for 30 years; and

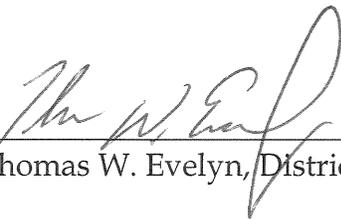
WHEREAS, after his retirement, he served as a Substitute Judge for 17 years, presiding over at least one case per year during that time; and

WHEREAS, Judge Sowder's dedication to the administration of justice is evident in his having served on the bench for 47 years; and

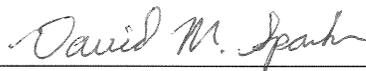
WHEREAS, Judge Sowder was a founding member of both the Providence Forge Volunteer Fire Department and the Providence Forge Volunteer Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, Judge Sowder will celebrate his 90th birthday on November 17, 2008;

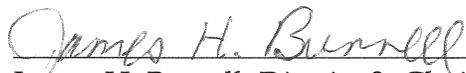
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Kent County Board of Supervisors does hereby applaud and congratulate John G. Sowder upon the occasion of his 90th birthday, expresses its appreciation for his service to his community and country, and wishes him many more birthdays as well as success in all future endeavors.



Thomas W. Evelyn, District 1



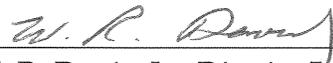
David M. Sparks, District 2



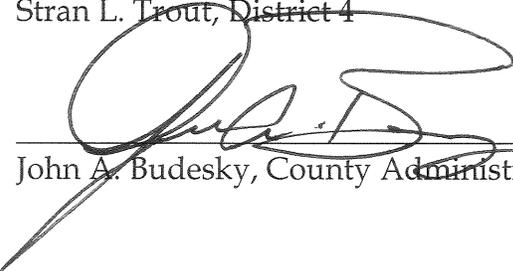
James H. Burrell, District 3, Chair



Stran L. Trout, District 4



W. R. Davis, Jr., District 5



John A. Budesky, County Administrator