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RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM B. SPONG, JR.  
THE MARSHALL-WYTHE SCHOOL OF LAW  
*A Resolution of the Board of Visitors,  
College of William and Mary*

Dean and Dudley Warner Woodbridge Professor of Law since 1976, William B. Spong, Jr. came to William and Mary after a career of special distinction in the service of Virginia's people. His achievement as dean has been to give life [to] a dream, cherished by many through years of adversity, that the study of law at William and Mary would one day achieve a measure of the greatness envisioned by its founders.

Few areas of the Law School have been left untouched by his unrelenting commitment to excellence. His leadership is reflected in a magnificent new law building, a chapter of Order of the Coif, a two-fold increase in the law library collection, and the creation of a Bill of Rights Institute.

Perhaps his most significant contribution to the Law School he loves and has led is that legal education at William and Mary reflects an equal commitment to intellectual excellence and moral values. Dean Spong's own career embodies the union of an able mind and high principles. The Law School he has built expresses the essence of the man.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of William B. Spong, Jr.; expresses its great appreciation to him for the many contributions he has made to the Faculty and The College of William and Mary; and approves, with deep gratitude for his ten years of devoted service to the university, a change in status for William B. Spong, Jr. from Dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law and Dudley Warner Woodbridge Professor of Law to Dudley Warner Woodbridge Professor of Law, Emeritus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy of the same be delivered to William B. Spong, Jr. with best wishes for continuing and creative work in the years ahead.