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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 198

Offered January 29, 2002

Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Virginia State Police.

Patrons—Puckett, Barry, Blevins, Bolling, Byrne, Chichester, Colgan, Deeds, Edwards, Hanger, Hawkins, Houck, Howell, Lambert, Lucas, Marsh, Martin, Marye, Maxwell, Miller, K.G., Miller, Y.B., Mims, Newman, Norment, Potts, Puller, Quayle, Rerras, Reynolds, Ruff, Saslaw, Stolle, Stosch, Ticer, Trumbo, Wagner, Wampler, Watkins, Whipple and Williams; Delegates: Abbitt, Albo, Almand, Amundson, Armstrong, Athey, Barlow, Baskerville, Bell, Black, Bland, Bloxom, Bolvin, Brink, Broman, Bryant, Byron, Callahan, Carrico, Christian, Cole, Cosgrove, Councill, Cox, Crittenden, Darner, Devolites, Dillard, Drake, Dudley, Gear, Griffith, Hall, Hamilton, Hargrove, Hogan, Howell, Hull, Hurt, Ingram, Janis, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, D.C., Jones, J.C., Jones, S.C., Keister, Kilgore, Landes, Lingamfelter, Louderback, Marrs, Marshall, D.W., Marshall, R.G., May, McDonnell, McDougale, McQuigg, Melvin, Miles, Moran, Morgan, Nixon, Nutter, O'Bannon, O'Brien, Oder, Orrock, Parrish, Petersen, Phillips, Plum, Pollard, Purkey, Putney, Rapp, Reese, Reid, Rollison, Rust, Saxman, Scott, Sears, Sherwood, Shuler, Spruill, Stump, Suit, Tata, Thomas, Van Landingham, Van Yahres, Wardrup, Ware, Watts, Weatherholtz, Welch, Wilkins, Woodrum and Wright

WHEREAS, in 1932, the General Assembly gave Virginia motor vehicle inspectors the power to enforce the Criminal Code of the Commonwealth as well as the Motor Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, these inspectors were later identified as troopers and became the Virginia Department of State Police; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, the General Assembly established a system of motor vehicle safety inspections that became a model for the nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, the Virginia Department of State Police was issued its first fleet of enforcement vehicles, including motorcycles and automobiles; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia State Police is an organization that continues to do an outstanding job of enforcing the motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth and combating all aspects of crime in every part of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia State Police, as individuals, daily risk their lives in the performance of their duties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby congratulate the Virginia Department of State Police on its 70th anniversary and express appreciation, on behalf of the citizens of Virginia, for its fine work; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel W. G. Massengill, superintendent of the Virginia State Police, in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of this vital organization.

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