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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 232

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Commending Joe Higgs.

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WHEREAS, Joe Higgs, a veteran of more than 30 years as a law-enforcement professional in Virginia, retired after 12 years of outstanding service as Sheriff of Fauquier County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Washington, D. C., Joe Higgs graduated from the Washington public schools and served for six years in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, Joe Higgs joined the Fairfax County Police Department and retired following a successful 20-year career; and

WHEREAS, before winning election to the office of Sheriff of Fauquier County in 1991, Joe Higgs was an instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia and deputy chief of police for the Town of Vienna; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments, Joe Higgs successfully managed the transition of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office from a small-town operation into today's nationally recognized law-enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, during his 12-year tenure, Joe Higgs instituted a School Resource Officer program in the county's public high schools and middle schools, implemented the first Law Enforcement Community Network Center in private businesses, and established a volunteer auxiliary program that saves Fauquier County \$300,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, Joe Higgs has devoted his professional life to serving the citizens of the Commonwealth, establishing an outstanding record of professionalism, integrity, and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Joe Higgs on the completion of an exemplary career of service to the citizens of Fauquier County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Joe Higgs as an expression of the admiration, gratitude, and best wishes of the General Assembly.

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