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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 212

Offered February 20, 2008

Commending G. Harold Plaster.

Patrons—Hurt; Delegates: Marshall, D.W., Merricks and Poindexter

WHEREAS, G. Harold Plaster, the respected sheriff of Pittsylvania County, retired in 2007 after 16 years of outstanding public service to his community and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Plaster earned a bachelor of science degree in administration of justice from Averett College in 1979, as well as graduated from the National Sheriffs' Institute; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and experienced law-enforcement officer, Sheriff Plaster served as a Virginia State Trooper for many years before being elected sheriff in 1991; and

WHEREAS, committed to the safety and security of his community, Sheriff Plaster has witnessed many changes during his four terms in office, and he has worked diligently to keep his department current in technology and training and to ensure that the citizens of Pittsylvania County received the best law-enforcement services possible; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Plaster was instrumental in Pittsylvania County installing cameras inside police cruisers to increase safety for deputies, as well as establishing Project Lifesaver, a program that dramatically cut the amount of search time required to locate citizens with Alzheimer's Disease and others who are prone to wander from home; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Sheriff Plaster implemented many new services at the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, adding several new positions, expanding the drug unit and drug and homicide task forces, and assigning resource officers at Pittsylvania County's four high schools; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional public servant, Sheriff Plaster has served the citizens of Pittsylvania County with great compassion, dignity, and professionalism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate Sheriff G. Harold Plaster for his 16 years of exemplary leadership of the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sheriff G. Harold Plaster as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation of his many achievements and best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement.

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