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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 287

Offered February 15, 2010

*Commending John W. Burrow.*

Patrons—Carrico, Abbitt, Albo, Alexander, Anderson, Armstrong, Athey, BaCote, Barlow, Bell, Richard P., Brink, Byron, Carr, Cleaveland, Cline, Cole, Comstock, Cosgrove, Cox, J.A., Cox, M.K., Crockett-Stark, Ebbin, Edmunds, Englin, Garrett, Gear, Greason, Griffith, Herring, Hope, Howell, A.T., Hugo, Iaquinto, Ingram, Janis, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, Keam, Kilgore, Knight, Kory, Landes, Lewis, Lingamfelter, Lohr, Loupassi, Marshall, D.W., Marshall, R.G., McClellan, McQuinn, Merricks, Miller, J.H., Miller, P.J., Morefield, Morgan, Morrissey, Nixon, Oder, Pogge, Poindexter, Pollard, Purkey, Putney, Rust, Scott, E.T., Scott, J.M., Sherwood, Shuler, Sickles, Stolle, Surovell, Tata, Toscano, Tyler, Ward and Watts

WHEREAS, John W. Burrow, a retired Virginia State Police officer, served the Commonwealth with great diligence and distinction for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, as a young man desirous to join the Virginia State Police, John Burrow attended the Virginia State Police school in 1936, 1937, and 1938; at the time, the school charged \$50 to attend and \$5 for a physical; and

WHEREAS, John Burrow became an official member of the Virginia State Police on December 26, 1939, and worked diligently to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth and protect and serve Virginia's citizens; and

WHEREAS, well liked and respected by his fellow officers and recognized by his superiors for his leadership and managerial skills, John Burrow was promoted to Sergeant in 1947, Lieutenant in 1955, and Captain in 1959; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 John Burrow became the First Commander of the new Division 6 in Roanoke, which he led with distinction until his retirement in 1973; and

WHEREAS, throughout an outstanding career, John Burrow served his fellow citizens and the Commonwealth with great integrity and devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, now 97 years of age, John Burrow resides in Salem; he shared his memories and experiences of working for the Virginia State Police for the 75th anniversary tribute video in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the sterling reputation enjoyed to this day by the Virginia State Police is based in part on the hard work of the early members of the Virginia State Police; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend John W. Burrow for his outstanding service to the citizens of the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to John W. Burrow as an expression of the admiration, respect, and gratitude of the General Assembly.

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