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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 931

Offered February 18, 2013

Commending James P. Fisher.

Patrons—Webert and Minchew

WHEREAS, James P. Fisher, the Commonwealth's Attorney for Fauquier County, is commended for his diligent efforts to investigate a 32-year-old murder case; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 1980, Brad Baker, a resident of The Plains, was found shot several times; and

WHEREAS, Brad Baker was airlifted to the Washington Hospital Center, where he died from his injuries on January 1, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office pursued several leads; however, no suspect was charged with the crime; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, newly elected Sheriff Charlie Ray Fox, Jr., asked detectives in the Criminal Investigation Division to review their unsolved murders; and

WHEREAS, James Fisher, who took office in 2011, worked closely with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office and impaneled a special grand jury to investigate the case; and

WHEREAS, testimony received before the special grand jury led to a confession, bringing long-awaited relief to family members of Brad Baker; and

WHEREAS, James Fisher demonstrated great skill, knowledge, and dedication as he worked with the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office to further investigate a 32-year-old murder case; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend James P. Fisher for his work to investigate a 32-year-old murder case; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James Fisher as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for his commitment to justice.

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