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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 219

Offered February 20, 2013

Commending the Fauquier County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.

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WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office is commended for its 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, the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office worked closely with the Fauquier County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, which is led by James Fisher, and a special grand jury was impaneled 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, the Fauquier County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office demonstrated great skill, knowledge, and dedication as it 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, That the Fauquier County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office hereby be commended for its 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 the Fauquier County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office as an expression of the House of Delegates' congratulations and admiration for the office's commitment to justice.

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