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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 116

Offered January 8, 2014

*Commending Wendell Flinchum.*

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WHEREAS, Wendell Flinchum, a dedicated and respected law-enforcement officer who worked to protect the Blacksburg community for almost 30 years, retires as the chief of police for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Flinchum began his law-enforcement career as a student employee of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in 1983; he became a patrolman in 1985 and worked his way up through the ranks to become chief in 2006; and

WHEREAS, under Wendell Flinchum's tenure as chief, the Virginia Tech Police Department has remained a premier campus law-enforcement agency, earning accreditation through the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and maintaining accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies; and

WHEREAS, to better serve the public, Wendell Flinchum has overseen the addition of new positions for sworn officers and staff and advocated for the creation of a Public Safety Building, which became a reality in 2013; and

WHEREAS, a visionary leader, Wendell Flinchum built valuable relationships with other law-enforcement agencies throughout the region and the Commonwealth, further strengthening his agency's capabilities and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, a highly professional and reassuring leader, Wendell Flinchum guided the Virginia Tech community through tragic, high-profile events in 2007 and 2011; he has represented the Virginia Tech Police Department with dignity and honor; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Wendell Flinchum has greatly improved the Virginia Tech Police Department and benefited the campus community; he leaves an enduring legacy of professionalism and leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Wendell Flinchum on the occasion of his retirement as the chief of police for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Wendell Flinchum as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration and respect for his deep commitment to serving and protecting the community.

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