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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 479

Offered March 3, 2014

*Commending Robert M. Brooks.*

Patrons—Jones; Senators: Cosgrove and Norment

WHEREAS, Robert M. Brooks, who admirably served the Commonwealth in many capacities, retired after 34 years of dedicated service with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control—most recently as special agent in charge of the Hampton regional office; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Bob" Brooks began his career in 1974 as a patrol officer with the Suffolk Police Department; he was a member of the Nansemond-Suffolk Volunteer Rescue Squad in 1976 and 1977 before returning to law enforcement as a patrol officer for the City of Franklin Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brooks first started working for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in 1977 as an inspector; he then returned to his work as a patrol officer with the Franklin Police Department from 1978 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, while he was working, Bob Brooks earned a bachelor's degree from Christopher Newport University in 1979; the following year, he resumed working for the ABC Department, beginning a 34-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Bob Brooks was an inspector, special agent, and assistant special agent in charge at the ABC Department before becoming special agent in charge of the Hampton regional office; he provided excellent leadership and took pride in his work; and

WHEREAS, in his work, Bob Brooks' main goal was the safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth; he also strived to keep open lines of communication with all federal, state, and local agencies; and

WHEREAS, Bob Brooks represents the bravery, dedication to duty, and sacrifice shown by law-enforcement officers and first responders throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Robert M. Brooks, who served the Commonwealth in many capacities, on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control as special agent in charge of the Hampton regional office; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert M. Brooks as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation and admiration for his tireless commitment to public safety and his many years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth.

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