

## 2014 SESSION

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 68

*Commending Kim Crannis.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 10, 2014

WHEREAS, Kim Crannis, a deeply respected leader and a pioneer in the field of law enforcement, who has worked to serve and protect the Blacksburg community for 30 years, retires as the chief of the Blacksburg Police Department in 2014; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Blacksburg Police Department in 1984, Kim Crannis has served the community in a variety of roles, including as a patrol officer, detective, crime-prevention officer, patrol lieutenant, professional standards lieutenant, and operations division commander; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a captain in 2006, Kim Crannis was named the interim chief when the previous chief retired; she was officially named chief later that year; and

WHEREAS, Kim Crannis is the first female police chief in the Town of Blacksburg and one of the first female chiefs in the Commonwealth; many women have followed her example and become municipal or campus police chiefs in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, as chief, Kim Crannis has introduced many new protocols to ensure that the department always operates at a high level; under her leadership, the Blacksburg Police Department has grown into one of the best agencies in the Commonwealth and a deeply respected agency nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Kim Crannis built ties with other local agencies, especially the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) Police Department; she has instilled in her department a philosophy of respect and compassion when interacting with the Blacksburg community; and

WHEREAS, guiding the community through several tragic, high-profile events throughout her tenure, Kim Crannis represented the Blacksburg Police Department with honor and dignity on state and national levels; she has given talks nationwide on the department's response to the 2007 shootings at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Kim Crannis leaves the Blacksburg Police Department a strong, highly professional agency that will continue to protect and serve the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Kim Crannis hereby be commended for her decades of service to the Town of Blacksburg and the Commonwealth on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kim Crannis as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her professionalism, integrity, and dedication.

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