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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 526

Offered May 9, 2014

Commending Robert Lawrence Presgrave.

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WHEREAS, Robert Lawrence Presgrave, a law-enforcement officer who dedicated 45 years to serving and protecting the public, retired as a captain from the Herndon Police Department in 2014 after 42 years of service to Herndon; and

WHEREAS, Robert "Larry" Presgrave answered his calling to become a law-enforcement officer; he joined the Herndon Police Department in 1972, and after being promoted to corporal in 1978, he was the first officer selected to attend the Virginia Forensic Science Academy; and

WHEREAS, Larry Presgrave continued to rise through the ranks, becoming a sergeant in 1984; in 1985, he was selected as the first accreditation manager for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and helped the Herndon Police Department review, revise, and establish policies consistent with the highest standards to achieve and maintain accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Larry Presgrave was promoted to lieutenant in 1989 and selected to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in 1995; later achieving the rank of captain, he served as a field operations commander, support services commander, and interim chief; and

WHEREAS, a steadfast and dedicated leader, Larry Presgrave mentored countless fellow officers and ably responded to many high-profile incidents; he helped shape and strengthen the future of the Herndon Police Department, allowing it to grow into an elite agency that is respected throughout Northern Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Larry Presgrave is an exemplar of the dedication to duty, professionalism, and willingness to sacrifice shown by law-enforcement officers and first responders throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Robert Lawrence Presgrave hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement from the Herndon Police Department in 2014; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Robert Lawrence Presgrave as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his service and admiration for his commitment to serving and protecting the people of Herndon.