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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 559

Offered September 10, 2014

*Commending Claude Patton Worrell.*

Patrons—O'Quinn and Kilgore

WHEREAS, Claude Patton Worrell, a distinguished law-enforcement officer who dedicated much of his life to serving and protecting the members of the Washington County community, retired as a sergeant with the Virginia State Police on September 1, 2014, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carroll County, Claude Worrell graduated from Hillsville High School and served his country in the United States Army as a mechanic with the Second Armored Division in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Claude Worrell began his law-enforcement career as a probationary trooper in Bedford and attended Virginia State Police Basic School in 1969; after graduation, he was assigned to the Manassas office, and in 1972, he transferred to the Abingdon office; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Claude Worrell was promoted to sergeant and assigned to Division 4 headquarters in Wytheville, and in 1986, he transferred to the Bristol office, where he served until his retirement as the third-most senior officer in the Virginia State Police; and

WHEREAS, a trustworthy and highly professional officer, Claude Worrell served as the senior firearms instructor for Division 4 and was assigned as an escort to numerous visiting dignitaries, including three Presidents of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Claude Worrell received numerous awards and accolades throughout his 45-year career, including a commendation for his exceptional performance in the apprehension of bank robbers in 1970, an award for 35 years of safe driving, and the Outstanding Safety Achievement Award for Division 4 in 1975; and

WHEREAS, working to further enhance the community, Claude Worrell has generously volunteered his time and wise leadership to numerous civic and service organizations, and he enjoys fellowship and worship as an active member of Pleasant View United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, an exemplar of the selflessness and dedication to duty shown by law-enforcement officers throughout the Commonwealth, Claude Worrell has earned the respect of his peers, members of the community, local government officials, and the entire Southwest Virginia General Assembly delegation and plans to find new ways to serve the community following his retirement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Claude Patton Worrell hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as a sergeant of the Virginia State Police; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Claude Patton Worrell as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his decades of service to the residents of Washington County and the Commonwealth.

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