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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 553**

Offered August 17, 2015 Prefiled August 16, 2015

Commending Mary Gavin.

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WHEREAS, Mary Gavin, Chief of the City of Falls Church Police Department, won a gold medal in the women's triathlon at the 2015 World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax County; and

9 WHEREAS, established in 1985, the World Police and Fire Games bring together more than 12,000
10 law-enforcement officers and first responders from 70 countries to compete in more than 1,600 events;
11 and

WHEREAS, competing in her first World Police and Fire Games, Mary Gavin took the gold in the
women's triathlon on July 3, 2015, at the Reston Triathlon course; the race consisted of a 1.5-kilometer
swim, a 40-kilometer bike ride, and a 10-kilometer run; and

WHEREAS, Mary Gavin has served as Chief of the City of Falls Church Police Department since
 December 2012, when she became the second woman appointed as a chief of a police department in
 Northern Virginia; and

18 WHEREAS, an experienced and highly respected law-enforcement professional, Mary Gavin
 19 previously served as deputy chief of the City of Falls Church Police Department for five years and as an
 20 officer with the Arlington County Police Department for 22 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Mary Gavin hereby be commended on winning a gold medal in the women's triathlon at the 2015 World Police and Fire Games; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution
 for presentation to Mary Gavin as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her
 achievements and service to the community.