## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 985**

Commending S. Stephen Bittle.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 20, 2017 Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, S. Stephen Bittle has dedicated more than 50 years to serving and protecting the residents of the City of Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, S. Stephen "Steve" Bittle began his career with the city as a law-enforcement officer in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Steve Bittle was appointed interim sheriff in 1992 and was elected as sheriff in 1993 and has been proud to serve the residents of the city as a constitutional law-enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, under Steve Bittle's leadership, the Falls Church Sheriff's Office has upheld the highest levels of professionalism and promoted a safe and secure environment for all residents; and

WHEREAS, Steve Bittle implemented a community-oriented policing strategy and strives to build mutual respect between his deputies and members of the public as they work together to enhance the quality of life in Falls Church; and

WHEREAS, Steve Bittle has been a loyal and exceptional employee and public servant to the City of Falls Church throughout his career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend S. Stephen Bittle for his 50 years of service to the City of Falls Church; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to S. Stephen Bittle as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his commitment to serving the members of the Falls Church community.