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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 204

Offered February 5, 2018

Commending C.T. Woody, Jr.

Patrons—McQuinn, Bagby, Bourne, Carr, Cole, Fowler, Heretick, Hope, Krizek, Landes, Lindsey, Rasoul, Simon, Thomas, Turpin and Ware; Senators: Ebbin, Howell and Spruill

WHEREAS, C.T. Woody, Jr., a dedicated law-enforcement professional and an innovative leader, served and protected the residents of Richmond for more than a decade as sheriff; and

WHEREAS, with more than 48 years of experience in law enforcement, C.T. Woody began his career with the Richmond Police Department as a patrol officer in the Southside in 1968; he went on to serve as a narcotics detective and an undercover officer and with the K-9 unit and the SWAT team; and

WHEREAS, at the Richmond Police Department, C.T. Woody led the Community Intelligence Team, which built strong relationships with local residents to help solve crimes and keep the community safe; and

WHEREAS, C.T. Woody first took office as sheriff in January 2006; he provided able leadership and guidance to the more than 450 sworn officers and staff members of the Richmond City Sheriff's Office, which is one of the largest sheriff's offices in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, by emphasizing the use of cutting-edge training and techniques and setting clear goals, C.T. Woody enhanced the capabilities of the Richmond City Sheriff's Office, while promoting employee development and building trust and mutual respect with local residents; and

WHEREAS, C.T. Woody worked with the Richmond City Council and the mayor's office to establish the Richmond City Justice Center, a state-of-the-art prison facility, in 2014; he then partnered with community and faith leaders to create educational and recovery programs to help inmates rejoin society; and

WHEREAS, C.T. Woody oversaw the creation of inmate vocational training programs, made possible by the Richmond Technical Center, and a chaplaincy program, supported by more than 100 volunteer chaplains from many different faiths; his strong community ties also resulted in tens of thousands of dollars of donations in books, stamps, clothing, and personal items; and

WHEREAS, C.T. Woody's Recovering from Everyday Addictive Lifestyle program at the Richmond City Justice Center earned national acclaim as an innovative way to reduce recidivism and help inmates transition back into society; and

WHEREAS, C.T. Woody has also been appointed to the Governor's Urban Policy Taskforce and the governing board of the Virginia Prisoner and Juvenile Re-Entry Council, and he has inspired and mentored countless aspiring and young law-enforcement officers as an instructor; and

WHEREAS, C.T. Woody has earned numerous awards and accolades for his outstanding work, including the Community Service Award from the Richmond City Council and the Salute to Excellence - Meritorious Police Duty and Lifetime Achievement awards from the Richmond Police Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend C.T. Woody, Jr., for his three terms of service to the residents of Richmond as sheriff; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to C.T. Woody, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional leadership and contributions to all members of the Richmond community.

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