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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 247

Offered February 9, 2018

*Commending James A. Davis.*

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WHEREAS, on June 30, 2017, James A. Davis retired as Pulaski County sheriff following a distinguished 43-year career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a Pulaski County native, James "Jim" A. Davis attended Pulaski High School and New River Community College; he then earned a bachelor's degree from Bluefield College; and

WHEREAS, Jim Davis began his law-enforcement career in 1974 at the age of 19, when he was recruited to serve as a dispatcher with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office; he was promoted to patrol deputy a year later and went on to hold various positions within the department; and

WHEREAS, following his first period of service with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Jim Davis served as an investigator for a state agency and as a special agent for the Virginia State Police; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Jim Davis returned to the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office as a major; he became Pulaski County sheriff a year later after winning a special election and then went on to win five more elections during his 20-year tenure in office; and

WHEREAS, among many other accomplishments during his tenure, Jim Davis oversaw numerous successful criminal investigations, promoted strong working relationships between his deputies and Pulaski County residents, and oversaw the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office's move into a larger and more modern headquarters; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Jim Davis earned the trust and respect of his community and served as a mentor and role model for countless fellow law-enforcement officers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend James A. Davis for his exemplary service to the Commonwealth on the occasion of his retirement as Sheriff of Pulaski County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to James A. Davis as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his long and meritorious career in law enforcement.

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