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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 142

Offered February 14, 2018

Commending Tony R. Torres.

Patrons—DeSteph, Barker, Black, Carrico, Chafin, Chase, Cosgrove, Dance, Deeds, Dunnavant, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McDougle, McPike, Newman, Norment, Obenshain, Peake, Petersen, Reeves, Ruff, Saslaw, Spruill, Stanley, Stuart, Sturtevant, Suetterlein, Surovell, Vogel, Wagner and Wexton; Delegates: Knight and Leftwich

WHEREAS, Tony R. Torres, an exemplary law-enforcement officer who served the Chesapeake community for nearly three decades, retires as a major with the Chesapeake Police Department in March 2018; and

WHEREAS, Tony Torres holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from Saint Leo University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Old Dominion University; and

WHEREAS, Tony Torres began his career in law enforcement on September 11, 1989, and graduated from the Chesapeake Police Academy in January 1990; he served as a patrol officer until he was promoted to sergeant in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Tony Torres continued to rise through the ranks of the Chesapeake Police Department, becoming a major in 2008; and

WHEREAS, during his 28-year career with the Chesapeake Police Department, Tony Torres served as a field training officer, a Department of Criminal Justice certified general instructor, the supervisor of criminal investigations managing violent crimes and homicides, a public information officer, and a member of the SWAT team; and

WHEREAS, Tony Torres has received many awards and accolades, including letters of commendation from the Chesapeake Fire Department, the Chesapeake Sheriff's Office, Chesapeake Public Schools, the Norfolk Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, in addition to receiving the Chesapeake Police Department's Meritorious Police Service Award, Tony Torres was a two-time recipient of the department's Drug Enforcement Incentive Award and a six-time recipient of the City of Chesapeake's Star Performer Award; and

WHEREAS, serving with integrity and dedication, Tony Torres earned the respect and admiration of his supervisors and colleagues at the Chesapeake Police Department as he worked to enforce the law and safeguard the lives and property of Chesapeake residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Tony R. Torres on the occasion of his retirement as a major with the Chesapeake Police Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Tony R. Torres as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his many years of service to the Chesapeake community.