

2018 SESSION

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 97

Commending J.D. Diggs.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 8, 2018
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 16, 2018

WHEREAS, J.D. Diggs, a dedicated leader who has protected his community as the sheriff of York County and the City of Poquoson, celebrated his 40th anniversary as a sworn law enforcement officer in 2017; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Poquoson, J.D. "Danny" Diggs began his career in 1976 at the age of 19, working as a dispatcher for the Poquoson Police Department; the following year, he was sworn into the York County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Danny Diggs' leadership skills saw him rise steadily through the ranks as a law enforcement officer; he served as a uniform patrol officer and investigator with York County before joining the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office, where he attained the rank of major; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Danny Diggs was elected sheriff of York County and Poquoson; in the years since, he has won re-election four times and earned the respect of his deputies and colleagues for his integrity and devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, during Danny Diggs' tenure as sheriff, the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office achieved its first accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission and was reaccredited another three times; he also instituted new technology for use by sheriffs' deputies and oversaw a push to use social media to communicate with the public; and

WHEREAS, Danny Diggs has brought his wide-ranging experience to a variety of organizations; he currently sits on the CJIS/Technology and Legislative Affairs committees of the National Sheriffs' Association, and previously served as president of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association; in 2010, former Governor Bob McDonnell appointed him to the Commonwealth's Wireless E-911 Services Board; and

WHEREAS, Danny Diggs holds a political science degree and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy; he is a member of the FBI National Academy Associates and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as an endowment member of the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional service, Danny Diggs sits on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of York County and is active in the York-Poquoson Red Cross, the York County Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club of Grafton; and

WHEREAS, Danny Diggs' exemplary devotion to the safety of the citizens of York County and Poquoson has won him the abiding respect, admiration, and affection of the people he has so ably served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend J.D. Diggs on 40 years of distinguished service as a law enforcement officer; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to J.D. Diggs as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his long and meritorious service to York County and Poquoson.

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