

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 725

*Commending Steve Dempsey.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 21, 2019  
Agreed to by the Senate, January 31, 2019

WHEREAS, Steve Dempsey will retire as sheriff of King George County in December 2019, after a distinguished career in public service as a law-enforcement officer for 39 years; and

WHEREAS, Steve Dempsey is a long-time King George County resident from a long line of public servants; he graduated from King George High School, earned a degree in police science from Germanna Community College, and served his country as a member of the Virginia National Guard from 1972 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Steve Dempsey started with the King George County Sheriff's Office in 1980 and was promoted to sergeant four years later; he reached the rank of captain in 1988 and major in 2009; he has held the position of sheriff since January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, at every step along his professional career, Steve Dempsey has engaged in educational and professional training, building his skills at the Rappahannock Criminal Justice Academy, the Metropolitan Police K-9 Academy, the FBI National Academy, and the DEA's Drug Unit Commander Academy, leading to a wide breadth of law-enforcement knowledge; and

WHEREAS, in his duties as sheriff, Steve Dempsey has led an entire department of sworn deputies, animal control officers, communications officers, and administrative staff, providing a wide range of law-enforcement services for the public, including criminal and narcotic investigation, court security, a special response team, K-9 services, school resource officers, rescue services, and traffic services; and

WHEREAS, Steve Dempsey gives back to his community as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Spotswood Baptist Church; he also contributes to his profession as a state-certified law-enforcement instructor and as the current president of the 8,900-member Virginia Sheriffs' Association; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Steve Dempsey for his lifetime of public service as a law-enforcement officer; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Steve Dempsey as a tangible reminder of the respect and gratitude of the General Assembly and the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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