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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 838

Offered February 6, 2019

*Commending Senior Officer Joseph M. Nichols.*

Patrons—McQuinn, Adams, D.M., Bourne, Carr, Delaney, Hope, Hurst, Kory, Landes, Rasoul, Rodman and Ware; Senators: Ebbin, Howell, McClellan and Spruill

WHEREAS, Senior Officer Joseph M. Nichols, a dedicated law-enforcement officer, retires as a member of the Division of Capitol Police on April 1, 2019, after more than two decades of service to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, a native of Suffolk, Joseph Nichols joined the Division of Capitol Police, the oldest police department in the nation, on September 25, 1998; and

WHEREAS, in addition to performing general law-enforcement duties at the Virginia State Capitol complex, Joseph Nichols has served on the Capitol Police Honor Guard, presenting a positive, professional image of the department at ceremonial events; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Nichols concurrently served his country as a member of the United States Army Reserve as a military police officer; he was deployed to Germany in 1999 - 2000, the Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Radford in 2001 - 2002, and Kuwait in 2003 - 2004; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Nichols retired from the United States Army Reserve in April 2004 as a sergeant first class; and

WHEREAS, from 2004 to 2015, Joseph Nichols was a member of the Division of Capitol Police Executive Protection Unit, providing security to Virginia Supreme Court justices and the attorney general on official business throughout the Commonwealth, from Grundy, Big Stone Gap, and Scott County to Virginia Beach and the Eastern Shore to Leesburg and Fairfax; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Senior Officer Joseph M. Nichols on the occasion of his retirement as a member of the Division of Capitol Police; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Senior Officer Joseph M. Nichols as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his distinguished service to the Commonwealth and the United States.

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