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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 877

Offered February 11, 2019

Commending Don Goodman.

Patrons—Hurst and Rush; Senators: Chafin and DeSteph

WHEREAS, Don Goodman, respected chief of the Radford City Police Department who served the community for over a decade, retired on January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Don Goodman graduated from Radford University in 1984, and previously served for 23 years with the Town of Blacksburg Police Department as a police officer, detective, detective sergeant, lieutenant, professional standards lieutenant, detective lieutenant, and operations division captain; and

WHEREAS, Don Goodman is a graduate of the 18th session of the Professional Executive Leadership School conducted by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, and the 218th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy; in his retirement, he will continue to teach at the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, a Louisiana State University-based program that provides free training to first responders; and

WHEREAS, Don Goodman was appointed as chief of the Radford City Police Department in 2008; specific achievements during his tenure included the department's move in 2012 to a new public safety building, a relocation that greatly upgraded the police department's technology and facilities, and improved its ability to carry out its duties; and

WHEREAS, Don Goodman supervised upgrades to police vehicles and equipment, including body cameras, and prioritized community engagement and emergency preparedness; part of his community engagement strategy included rotating officers assigned to city schools and directing them to open car doors at student drop offs so students could become more familiar with officers and see them as helpful; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Don Goodman for his legacy of service on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Radford City Police Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Don Goodman as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional community leadership and commitment to the residents of Radford.

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