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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 353

Offered February 1, 2019

Commending Michael J. Brown.

Patrons—Newman and Peake; Delegates: Austin, Byron, Fariss and Garrett

WHEREAS, Michael J. Brown, Bedford County Sheriff, will retire on December 31, 2019, after 24 years in the law-enforcement leadership position; and

WHEREAS, Michael "Mike" Brown is a native of Bedford County and a graduate of American University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in the administration of justice and police administration; he has additional advanced training with the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Development Program, the National Sheriffs' Institute, and numerous courses of instruction from federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown has brought a wide range of experience to his position; he is a retired senior special agent in the U.S. Treasury Department; he served in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps, in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, in the U.S. Department of Defense, and as an instructor overseas with the U.S. Department of Justice International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, Mike Brown has directed a national task force dealing with the sexual exploitation of children over the Internet for the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; he testified twice before Congress on these matters; and

WHEREAS, under Mike Brown's leadership, the Bedford County Sheriff's Office had one of the first 10 Internet Crimes Against Children task forces in the country, and in 2000, he founded the nonprofit Safe Surfin' Foundation which seeks to educate people about Internet safety; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown was selected by U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to participate at the Crime Technology Initiative Forum of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the White House; in 2002 he was a member of Virginia Attorney General Kilgore's task force on identity theft; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown is a member of the executive committee and board of directors of the National Sheriffs' Association, focusing on education and awards, congressional affairs, and technology; he is also in a leadership position in the National White Collar Crime Center, as well as the Law Enforcement Innovation Center at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mike Brown maintains memberships in numerous other organizations focused on policing and the military; his concern for community involvement has twice earned him recognition as Citizen of the Year by the Bedford Chapter of the NAACP; he was named Sheriff of the Year in 2017 by the National Sheriffs' Association; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michael J. Brown on his retirement as Bedford County Sheriff on December 31, 2019, after 24 years of service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael J. Brown as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his service to Bedford County and the law-enforcement community.

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