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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 187

Offered February 5, 2020

Commending the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

Patrons—Delaney, Cole, M.L., Samirah, Subramanyam and Ware; Senators: Bell, Boysko and Reeves

WHEREAS, throughout 2019, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office went above and beyond in its mission to safeguard the members of the public and its efforts to support and advocate for law-enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, at the Virginia Sheriffs' Association Conference in September 2019, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office received the Highway Safety Award (Fairfax Region) for its enforcement, public education, and community outreach initiatives related to traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office reduced impaired driving through sobriety checkpoints and a teenage driver education program that distributed brochures with helpful safety tips for new drivers; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Virginia Sheriffs' Association selected Deputy Colin Whittington as the 2019 Virginia Deputy of the Year for his outstanding performance, personal integrity, and commitment to serving and protecting the public; and

WHEREAS, Colin Whittington demonstrated his professionalism through his roles as a community resource deputy and a public information officer, and he worked extensively with businesses, community partners, and the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority to deter disorderly conduct and alcohol offenses at local establishments; and

WHEREAS, within the agency, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has emphasized the mental health and wellness of its officers, building in 2019 on programs that have been implemented over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, some of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office's programs include a peer-to-peer support team; the Employee Assistance Program, which offers free therapy sessions for officers and their families; Crisis Intervention Training; a Chaplain Unit; and an annual wellness training session; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office for its dedication to serving local residents and commitment to supporting its officers; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its many contributions to the Loudoun County community.

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