

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 526

Commending Clifford T. Bowen.

Agreed to by the Senate, August 27, 2020

WHEREAS, in July 2020, Clifford T. Bowen retired as chief of the Poquoson Police Department after 37 years of outstanding service to the community as a law-enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Clifford "Cliff" Bowen began his law-enforcement career with the Newport News Police Department and held numerous leadership positions in the agency over the course of 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Bowen was subsequently employed as a security manager at Busch Gardens and Water Country USA in Williamsburg, then returned to police work as chief of the Poquoson Police Department in 2007; and

WHEREAS, as the new chief, one of Cliff Bowen's first priorities was to improve Poquoson's 911 system and better integrate it with systems in Williamsburg and York and James City Counties; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Cliff Bowen updated the department's policies and procedures and earned the respect of his officers and city officials for his approachability, professionalism, and incomparable work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Bowen worked diligently to keep Poquoson residents safe and to maintain a low crime rate by closely monitoring and addressing patterns of incidents throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Bowen instituted training in the use of Narcan to allow officers to better respond to drug overdoses and prevent fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Cliff Bowen also supported young people in the community as a longtime member of the Poquoson School Board; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Cliff Bowen plans to spend more time with his beloved family and seek new opportunities to serve the community, including taking a more active role in his church, Coastal Community Church in York County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Clifford T. Bowen hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Poquoson Police Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Clifford T. Bowen as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his achievements in service to the Newport News and Poquoson communities.

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