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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 671

Offered January 31, 2021

*Commending Humberto Cardounel, Jr.*

Patrons—VanValkenburg, Adams, D.M., Bagby and Willett

WHEREAS, Humberto Cardounel, Jr., the sixteenth chief of police of the Henrico County Police Division and a beloved member of the Henrico County community, retired on August 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by family, friends, and colleagues as "Hum," Humberto Cardounel graduated from Douglas S. Freeman High School in Henrico County and later earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Richmond and a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Commonwealth University; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, at the age of 21, Humberto Cardounel joined the Henrico County Police Division as a patrol officer and a special weapons and tactics team medic, embarking upon a distinguished law-enforcement career that would span the next 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Humberto Cardounel has contributed to nearly every aspect of the Henrico County Police Division's operations as he has risen through the ranks over the years, including service as an investigator, sergeant, command sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and major; and

WHEREAS, accomplishments from Humberto Cardounel's career with the Henrico County Police Division include serving as deputy chief for the patrol bureau; leading the criminal investigations section; initiating the homeland security section; and supporting the training academy, internal affairs unit, media relations unit, organized crime section, and personnel unit; and

WHEREAS, prior to his promotion to chief of police in 2016, Humberto Cardounel demonstrated exceptional poise, demeanor, and leadership while serving as deputy chief of the investigative bureau and as a member of the chief of police's executive staff; and

WHEREAS, Humberto Cardounel is a graduate of the 221st Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy; Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police; Jepson School of Leadership Studies' Police Executive Leadership School; Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and Foundation's (VACP) Institute for Leadership in Changing Times; Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service's Leading, Educating, and Developing Program; and Leadership Metro Richmond; and

WHEREAS, Humberto Cardounel has served as a gubernatorial appointee on the Virginia State Child Fatality Review Team and the Charitable Gaming Board, and he is currently a member of the VACP Executive Board and an assessor and team leader for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies; and

WHEREAS, as chief of the Henrico County Police Division, Humberto Cardounel upheld the agency's mission to protect and serve more than 331,000 residents across an area spanning 244 square miles while managing 864 sworn and unsworn personnel and a budget of \$81 million; and

WHEREAS, Humberto Cardounel has demonstrated what it means to serve with heart during his long and distinguished career and will leave a lasting mark on Henrico County and the Henrico County Police Division; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Humberto Cardounel, Jr., the sixteenth chief of police of the Henrico County Police Division, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Humberto Cardounel, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt admiration for his dedication to Henrico County and the Commonwealth.

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