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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 674

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Commending Gregory Garfield Harris.

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WHEREAS, Gregory Garfield Harris, an esteemed law-enforcement officer who has dedicated the past 23 years to protecting and serving the citizens of Fauquier County, retired as a lieutenant of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Harris joined the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office in 1997 as a deputy in jail operations under Sheriff Joseph Higgs, Jr.; he later served as shift sergeant for 13 years before being promoted to administrative first sergeant of the jail division in 2015 and lieutenant the following year; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Gregory Harris has responded to significant changes in law enforcement and remained steadfastly committed to applying best practice and procedure in all aspects of the profession; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Harris has given generously of his time and talents as a mentor and trainer to many new deputies, earning high praise and esteem from both his subordinates and his peers; and

WHEREAS, an integral member of the Fauquier County Adult Detention Center for many years, Gregory Harris established excellent rapport with the inmate population through his fair, nonjudgmental approach and demonstrated a remarkable ability to diffuse tense situations without the use of force; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his 23 years of meritorious service to the citizens of Fauquier County, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors honored Gregory Harris in an official proclamation on January 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, through his tireless efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of the Fauquier County community, Gregory Harris has helped make the Commonwealth a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Gregory Garfield Harris, lieutenant of the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, 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 Gregory Garfield Harris as an expression of the General Assembly's heartfelt appreciation for his service to the Commonwealth and best wishes for the future.

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