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Commending Markus Bristol.

## **HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 82**

Offered March 3, 2022

Patron—Simon

WHEREAS, Markus Bristol, a captain in the Falls Church Police Department, has served and protected members of the community for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Markus Bristol graduated second in his class from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy in December 1996 and joined the Falls Church Police Department shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Markus Bristol has spent most of his career in the Operations Division as a uniformed police officer; he has interfaced with members of the community in a number of roles, including patrol officer and school resources officer; and

WHEREAS, Markus Bristol worked as a K9 handler for more than six years and ultimately became the K9 supervisor for the Falls Church Police Department; he and his K9 partner, Ronnie, consistently achieved recognition from the United States Canine Association for their outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, Markus Bristol has been a trusted friend and a dedicated mentor to countless fellow members of the Falls Church Police Department, and he has imparted his wisdom and expertise to younger officers as a field training officer; and

WHEREAS, Markus Bristol has been a source of institutional knowledge and is well-known for his skills in research and project management; he played a vital role in police reform initiatives and the promotion of community policing as a member of the Use of Force Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Markus Bristol was promoted to commander of the Operations Division; and WHEREAS, Markus Bristol served the nation as a member of the United States Army and the United States Army Reserve from 2005 to 2016, including a deployment to Iraq in 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Markus Bristol hereby be commended for his 25 years of service to the residents of Falls Church as a law-enforcement officer; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Markus Bristol as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Falls Church community.