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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 806

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending Guy Edward Cassady.

Patrons—Adams, L.R., Marshall and Williams; Senators: Ruff and Stanley

WHEREAS, Guy Edward Cassady, an outstanding law-enforcement officer, retired as chief of the Martinsville Police Department on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Guy Edward "Eddie" Cassady dreamed of becoming a police officer from a young age and participated in a law-enforcement explorer program with the Henry County Sheriff's Office in his youth; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from George Washington Carver High School, Eddie Cassady studied police science at Danville Community College, then applied to join the Martinsville Police Department in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Cassady officially joined the department on October 20, 1985, and was assigned to the patrol division upon graduation from the police academy; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Eddie Cassady earned a position on the Martinsville Police Department's special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team and later served as team commander; and

WHEREAS, the following year, Eddie Cassady worked as an undercover officer for the City of Lynchburg's Department of Public Works; he subsequently served in the traffic and street crimes divisions of the Martinsville Police Department; he then transferred to the Special Investigations Unit as an investigator, and later became captain of investigations; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Cassady served as interim chief in 2013, was promoted to deputy chief in 2014, and became chief of police in 2017; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chief, Eddie Cassady worked diligently to ensure that the officers of the Martinsville Police Department had the tools and training they needed to serve and protect members of the community; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Eddie Cassady earned degrees from Patrick Henry Community College, Old Dominion University, and Longwood University, and he pursued numerous law-enforcement certifications to better serve and lead the officers of the Martinsville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Cassady served the Martinsville community with the utmost integrity, dedication, and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Guy Edward Cassady on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Martinsville Police Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Guy Edward Cassady as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements in service to the residents of Martinsville.

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