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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 823

Offered January 30, 2007

*Commending the Virginia Department of State Police.*

Patrons—Carrico, Abbitt, Albo, Alexander, Amundson, Armstrong, Athey, BaCote, Barlow, Bell, Bowling, Brink, Bulova, Byron, Callahan, Caputo, Cline, Cole, Cosgrove, Cox, Dance, Dudley, Ebbin, Eisenberg, Englin, Frederick, Gear, Griffith, Hall, Hamilton, Hargrove, Hogan, Howell, A.T., Howell, W.J., Hugo, Hull, Hurt, Iaquinto, Ingram, Janis, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, D.C., Jones, S.C., Kilgore, Landes, Lewis, Lingamfelter, Lohr, Marsden, Marshall, D.W., Marshall, R.G., May, McClellan, McEachin, McQuigg, Melvin, Miller, J.H., Miller, P.J., Moran, Morgan, Nixon, Nutter, O'Bannon, Oder, Orrock, Peace, Phillips, Plum, Poisson, Purkey, Putney, Rapp, Reid, Rust, Saxman, Scott, E.T., Scott, J.M., Shannon, Sherwood, Shuler, Sickles, Spruill, Suit, Tata, Toscano, Tyler, Valentine, Waddell, Ward, Wardrup, Ware, O., Ware, R.L., Watts, Welch, Wittman and Wright

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of State Police is recognized for its extraordinary service to the citizens of the Commonwealth on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in 1932 the General Assembly gave Virginia motor vehicle inspectors the power to enforce the Criminal Code of the Commonwealth and the Motor Vehicle Code, and these inspectors, later identified as troopers, became the Virginia Department of State Police; and

WHEREAS, that same year the General Assembly established a system of motor vehicle safety inspections which became a model for the nation and the Virginia Department of State Police was issued its first fleet of enforcement vehicles, including motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of State Police, independent yet supportive of other law-enforcement and criminal justice agencies, continues to be a professional, responsive, state-of-the-art public safety agency that provides patrol and investigative services to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, the troopers of the Virginia Department of State Police daily risk their lives in the performance of their duties in order to fulfill their pledge to serve and protect the Commonwealth's citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate the Virginia Department of State Police on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel W. Steven Flaherty, Superintendent of the Virginia Department of State Police, as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for the vital service provided by all of the outstanding state troopers to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

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