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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 319

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Commending the Vienna Police Department on the occasion of its 60th anniversary.

Patrons—Shannon; Senator: Petersen

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2007, the Vienna Police Department celebrated its 60th anniversary of outstanding and exemplary service to the residents of the Town of Vienna; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1947, the Vienna Police Department has undergone tremendous change; the Vienna Town Council voted to expand the department from a one-man town sergeant to a two-man police department and purchased its first official police cruiser; and

WHEREAS, today, the Vienna Police Department maintains an impressive and well-trained force of approximately 40 law-enforcement officers and 10 civilian and dispatcher staff; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Vienna Police Department has been an innovative public service organization and the department was the first in the area to utilize bicycle officers, and the first in the region to carry heart defibrillators; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Police Department established the Vienna Auxiliary Police Unit to support the police department in both operational and administrative duties; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the Vienna Auxiliary Police, comprised of nonpaid volunteer citizens, the Vienna Police Department is able to maximize the availability of its regular police officers to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief's Advisory Council was formed in January 1993 to enhance the relationship between the police department and the community by furthering the exchange of information and ideas, while working to improve law-enforcement procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Police Department is dedicated to providing the community with the highest quality service possible in a prompt, courteous, and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding and dedicated officers and staff of the Vienna Police Department take great pride in their 60-year history of successful community partnership and problem-oriented policing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend and congratulate the Vienna Police Department on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chief Robert A. Carlisle as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude to the Vienna Police Department for their commitment to the safety and protection of the Town of Vienna, its citizens, and their families.

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