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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 293

Offered February 16, 2010

Commending the Division of Capitol Police for receiving the distinguished Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission accredited status.

Patrons—Howell, W.J., Griffith, and Armstrong; Senator: Whipple

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1996, the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the Virginia Sheriffs' Association, in partnership with the Department of Criminal Justice Services, created the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission is to advance law-enforcement professionalism through the establishment of professional standards and the administration of a formal mechanism by which Virginia agencies can be systematically measured, evaluated, and updated. The Commission goals include:

1. To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of law-enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth in the delivery of services;

2. To promote cooperation and coordination among all components in the criminal justice system;

3. To ensure the appropriate level of training for law-enforcement personnel; and

4. To promote public confidence in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission accreditation program is a voluntary accreditation program open to the more than 400 law-enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission has established 187 standards that guide policy development, ensuring a high level of quality service delivery, cooperation, training, and public confidence, consistent with the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the awarding of accreditation status through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission signifies that a law-enforcement agency has achieved compliance with all applicable Commission standards; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Capitol Police entered the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission self-assessment phase on September 4, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Capitol Police underwent a comprehensive assessment by Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission officials January 3 - 4, 2010; and

WHEREAS, because of the many hours of dedication and commitment to the accreditation process by the men and women of the Division of Capitol Police, the Division was found in compliance with all applicable Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission standards; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Capitol Police, under the leadership of Chief Kimberly S. Lettner, has received notice of their accreditation and will be presented with the certificate of accredited status from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission on March 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Capitol Police now joins 79 other Virginia law-enforcement agencies awarded the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission accredited status; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Division of Capitol Police for receiving the distinguished Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission accredited status; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kimberly S. Lettner, Chief of the Division of Capitol Police, as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and respect and admiration for the Division.

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