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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1039**

Offered February 19, 2017

*Commending Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916.*

Patrons—Anderson, Lingamfelter, Bell, John J., Dudenhefer, Fowler, Helsel, Hugo, Marshall, R.G., Miller and Torian

WHEREAS, Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916, located in the heart of historic Occoquan, recently celebrated its 70th anniversary and seven decades of service to veterans, military families, and the greater Northern Virginia community; and

WHEREAS, Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 is a nonprofit patriotic, social, fraternal, and educational association of VFW members, "warriors still serving," whose mission is to honor the dead by helping the living; and

WHEREAS, Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 was founded by a group of World War II veterans in the Woodbridge, Occoquan, and Lorton areas; it was officially mustered on June 26, 1946, and was led by Mac McGuire as the first commander; and

WHEREAS, Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 was named in honor of Lieutenant Junior Grade Claggett Hartwood Hawkins, a United States Naval Reserve pilot from Woodbridge, and Second Lieutenant Charles Douglas Reeve, a United States Army Air Corps pilot from Lorton, who lost their lives in the service of their country in 1944; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia VFW has a rich tradition of serving veterans, military families, and their local communities, and Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 is well-known for its work in the local community; and

WHEREAS, Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 participates in veterans' memorials, works with the Occoquan Craft Fair during Occoquan Days, and assists in leading several Boy Scout troops in the area; and

WHEREAS, Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 is proud to support the Virginia Department of Veterans Services Wounded Warrior Program, which has a mission of improving and expanding services to veterans and their families, by serving as an office location for a program representative; and

WHEREAS, Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 has been a high-profile, committed community partner serving veterans, active duty military and their families, and the local citizens for over 70 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916 on the occasion of its 70th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chuck Wilson, commander of Hawkins-Reeve VFW Post 7916, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the organization's efforts to carry on the proud tradition of serving veterans, military families, and the local community.

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