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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 604

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Commending Kenneth L. Hyden.

Patrons—Bell, Richard P. and Landes

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Hyden retired in December 2016 as a sergeant in the Virginia State Police, after a stellar 42-year career in law enforcement, almost the entirety of which was spent serving the citizens of Augusta County; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth "Kenny" L. Hyden is a native of Waynesboro and graduated from Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave with a degree in police science; and

WHEREAS, because he was too young to become a state trooper, Kenny Hyden began working as a state police dispatcher in Culpeper in the mid-1970s; and

WHEREAS, after Kenny Hyden turned 21 he applied to become a state trooper and his first assignment was road patrol in Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Hyden spent 32 of his 34 years with the state police based out of Area 17 State Police Headquarters in Staunton, where he worked as a patrolman, spent five years with the D.A.R.E. program, and did a brief stint as a special agent; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Kenny Hyden built a reputation for being dedicated to highway safety and public safety, issuing thousands of traffic tickets in Augusta County over his long career; and

WHEREAS, a relentless investigator, Kenny Hyden worked with two other troopers in May 2003 to catch an escaped murder suspect from Maryland on Interstate 81 in Augusta County, work that was recognized with an award from the Prince George's County Police Department in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, while Kenny Hyden's wisdom and expertise will be greatly missed by his fellow troopers based in Staunton and the citizens of Augusta County, his retirement will allow him to enjoy spending more time with his wife and two children, who have supported him throughout his long career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Kenneth L. Hyden on his retirement in December 2016 as a sergeant in the Virginia State Police; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Kenneth L. Hyden as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his lengthy, distinguished career serving the people of Augusta County.

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