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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 808

Offered January 20, 2017

Commending Raleigh H. Isaacs, Sr.

Patrons—Jones and Hayes

WHEREAS, Raleigh H. Isaacs, Sr., an experienced leader in the law-enforcement community, retired on January 1, 2017, as Sheriff of Suffolk after more than two decades of service; and

WHEREAS, a native of Suffolk, Raleigh Isaacs began his law-enforcement career in 1961 with the Norfolk Police Department, where he served as a patrolman and as a narcotics detective; and

WHEREAS, in 1970 Raleigh Isaacs joined the Nansemond County Police Department, which merged with the Suffolk Police Department in 1974, and rose through the ranks from sergeant to captain; and

WHEREAS, desirous to be of further service to the community, Raleigh Isaacs ran for and was elected Sheriff of Suffolk in 1993 and ably served the residents of Suffolk for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, under Raleigh Isaacs' leadership, the Suffolk Sheriff's Office maintained an experienced and highly professional team of deputies and staff, who were well-prepared to protect and serve the residents of Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, Raleigh Isaacs holds degrees from Norfolk Business College, Paul D. Camp Community College, and Christopher Newport College; to keep current with best practices in public safety, he has attended more than 40 law-enforcement schools and seminars; and

WHEREAS, Raleigh Isaacs also worked to enhance the community as a member of numerous boards and organizations, including the Virginia Sheriffs' Association Board of Directors and the board of Western Tidewater Regional Jail; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement from the Suffolk Sheriff's Office, Raleigh Isaacs plans to spend more time with his wife, Phyllis and their children and grandchildren and seek new opportunities to serve the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Raleigh H. Isaacs, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement as Sheriff of Suffolk; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Raleigh H. Isaacs, Sr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of service to the members of the Suffolk community and the Commonwealth.

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