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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 917

Offered February 9, 2017

Commending Marion Thomas White, Jr.

Patrons—Marshall, D.W. and Adams; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, Marion Thomas White, Jr., retired as a lieutenant with the Danville Police Department in January 2017 after an honorable and distinguished 48-year career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Marion Thomas "Tom" White, Jr., is a graduate of Northside High School in Gretna; he attended North Carolina College at Durham (now North Carolina Central University) before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Tom White served a tour of duty in Vietnam attached to an Army infantry unit during the Vietnam War; his military career ended in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Tom White began his career with the Danville Police Department as a patrol officer in 1969, and since that time he has served as a patrolman, field training officer, sergeant, and lieutenant, a rank he achieved in 2008; and

WHEREAS, while working hard to serve the citizens of Danville during the day, Tom White found time to attend Danville Community College at night to complete an associate degree in police science in 1976; and

WHEREAS, during his 48 years of service, Tom White earned numerous commendations and awards for his exemplary work solving homicides, robberies, burglaries, and larcenies, and participating in a hostage rescue; and

WHEREAS, Tom White received 19 letters of commendation from citizens for his outstanding service in times of need and crisis, and the compassion he showed for his fellow man was one of the defining hallmarks of his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, Tom White is a founding member of the Danville Police Department Honor Guard, served on the department's SWAT team, and was Danville's first School Resource Officer; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Tom White was an exemplar of the hard work, professionalism, and dedication to duty displayed by law-enforcement officers and first responders throughout the Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lieutenant Marion Thomas White, Jr., on his retirement from the Danville Police Department in January 2017, after 48 years of esteemed service; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lieutenant Marion Thomas White, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his almost five decades of faithful duty protecting the citizens of Danville.

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