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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 998

Offered February 16, 2017

Commending David Wayne Holland.

Patrons—Ware, Carr, Cole, Heretick, Hope, Jones, Landes, Leftwich, Minchew, Pillion, Plum, Rasoul, Simon and Tyler; Senators: Carrico, Ebbin, Howell and Ruff

WHEREAS, David Wayne Holland was born and raised in Nansemond County and graduated from Whaleyville High School; and

WHEREAS, after serving two years in the United States Army, David Holland joined the Virginia State Police on April 1, 1968, and upon graduating as president of the 46th Basic Session, he was assigned to the City of Portsmouth in the Chesapeake Division; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Virginia State Police, David Holland was a trooper in Portsmouth, Norfolk, and Windsor; on July 16, 1976, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned to Warrenton; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1978, David Holland was promoted to first sergeant and assigned to oversee State Police operations as the Area 6 Commander in the City of Colonial Heights and the Counties of Amelia, Chesterfield, and Powhatan; and

WHEREAS, after 38 years, First Sergeant Holland became the longest-serving Area Commander in Virginia State Police history; while serving as the Area 6 Commander, more than 100 troopers were promoted under First Sergeant Holland's leadership; and

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Holland was instrumental in the establishment of the Virginia State Police Funeral Coordinator Program in 1993 and the advancement of the program through his exceptional leadership and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, in his role as a Virginia State Police Funeral Coordinator, First Sergeant Holland provided superior service to the Virginia State Police and countless families through his attention to detail, persistence for perfection, and genuine compassion during times of great loss and sorrow; and

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Holland is a man of great character and integrity, who demonstrated a tremendous commitment to serving and protecting the Commonwealth in his capacity as one of Virginia's Finest; and

WHEREAS, First Sergeant Holland, a respected leader in the field of law enforcement and a dedicated public servant, retired on October 1, 2016, after faithfully serving the Commonwealth for 48 years; and

WHEREAS, as a highly respected, honored, and now retired resident of Powhatan County, he will enjoy more time with his wife, Elaine; children, David and Robby; grandchildren, Grace, Leah, Ella, and Jackson; and countless friends, State Police colleagues, and neighbors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend David Wayne Holland on the occasion of his retirement as a first 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 David Wayne Holland as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the City of Colonial Heights and the Counties of Amelia, Chesterfield, and Powhatan, as well as his commitment to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and best wishes on a well-earned retirement.

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