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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 322

Offered January 19, 2017

Commending Dux.

Patrons—Reeves; Delegates: Cole and Orrock

WHEREAS, Dux, a two-year-old German Shepherd with the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office, made a full recovery and returned to duty after he was wounded while defending his handler and fellow officers in October 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office fields a highly-trained canine unit within the patrol division, with a variety of breeds cross-trained in explosives and narcotics detection, a full-time narcotics detection unit, and a search and rescue team; and

WHEREAS, Dux and his handler, Deputy Kory Kelley, arrived on the scene of what appeared to be a routine traffic stop on October 2, 2016; shortly after their arrival, the driver, a convicted felon who was wanted in connection with crimes in Fredericksburg, attempted to flee and began firing at the officers; and

WHEREAS, Dux attempted to subdue the man and prevented him from injuring any of the other officers at the scene, but he was shot twice and sustained severe injuries; and

WHEREAS, through the combined efforts of multiple law-enforcement agencies, the man was quickly apprehended, while Dux was transported to the CARE Emergency Animal Clinic in Central Park and received treatment for his wounds; and

WHEREAS, after a long rehabilitation, and with the care and support of the entire Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office, Dux was declared fit for duty and returned to serving and safeguarding the residents of Spotsylvania County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dux for his heroic actions to protect his fellow officers and the residents of Spotsylvania County in October 2016; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Deputy Kory Kelley, Dux's handler, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for service and sacrifices of all members of the law-enforcement community.

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