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## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 248**

Offered February 10, 2018

Commending the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

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WHEREAS, in November 2017, deputies from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office raised over \$13,500 for cancer research through a partnership with the non-profit organization No-Shave November; and

WHEREAS, launched in 2009, No-Shave November is a charitable initiative that supports cancer prevention, research, and treatment by challenging men to grow their facial hair during the month of November and then donate the money they typically spend on shaving to cancer research; to date, No-Shave November has raised over \$3.5 million to combat cancer with the help of organizations like the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office; the 2017 event benefited the Prevent Cancer Foundation, Fight Colorectal Cancer, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

WHEREAS, with the approval of Sheriff Mike Chapman, deputies at the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office partnered with No-Shave November and each donated \$25 to participate in the challenge; and

WHEREAS, over 175 Loudoun County Sheriff's Office deputies joined with other law-enforcement agencies from across the nation in No-Shave November; along with raising money for cancer research, they used the challenge to educate residents about cancer prevention; and

WHEREAS, female deputies at the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office participated by making donations and wearing ribbons in their hair to show their support; Loudoun County residents were also encouraged to join the challenge and raise money; and

WHEREAS, after surpassing its original funding goal of \$2,500 in just 24 hours, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office eventually raised over \$13,500 and became one of No-Shave November's top fundraisers among law-enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, through its partnership with No-Shave November, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office provided funding for a worthy cause and helped raise awareness in the ongoing fight against cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office on raising over \$13,500 for cancer research and treatment; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for its commitment to helping others and supporting charitable causes.