

## 2018 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

*Commending Thierry G. Dupuis.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 2018

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2017, Thierry G. Dupuis retired as chief of the Chesterfield County Police Department following a distinguished 40-year career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Fork Union Military Academy, Thierry Dupuis earned an associate's degree from John Tyler Community College, a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a master's degree from Averett College; and

WHEREAS, Thierry Dupuis began his career in 1977 as a deputy with the Richmond Sheriff's Office; he then worked briefly with the Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department before joining the Chesterfield County Police Department in 1979; and

WHEREAS, during his 38-year career with the Chesterfield County Police Department, Thierry Dupuis worked his way up from patrol officer to sergeant, lieutenant, captain, major, and lieutenant colonel; when he was named Chesterfield's seventh chief of police in 2007, he became its first chief to have held every rank within the department; and

WHEREAS, under Thierry Dupuis' able leadership, the Chesterfield County Police Department forged strong bonds with the local community, won accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, and implemented a new crisis intervention training program to prepare officers for assisting people suffering from mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Thierry Dupuis demonstrated his commitment to excellence by continuing his training and graduating from the Administrative Officers Management Program at North Carolina State University, the Drug Unit Commanders Academy at the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Professional Executive Leadership School at the University of Richmond, and the LEAD program at the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service; and

WHEREAS, along with serving as an adjunct professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, Thierry Dupuis also sat on several boards, including the board of Substance Abuse Free Environment, Inc. (SAFE), the John Tyler Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) Policy Board, and the Chesterfield and Colonial Heights Community Criminal Justice Board; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure with Chesterfield County, Thierry Dupuis earned the trust and respect of his community and served as a mentor and role model for countless fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, in his well-deserved retirement, Thierry Dupuis plans to spend time with family and enjoy golf and fly fishing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Thierry G. Dupuis hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Chesterfield County Police Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Thierry G. Dupuis as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his tireless efforts to serve and protect the residents of Chesterfield County.

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