

## 2019 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 893

*Commending the Newport News Police Department's Young Adult Police Commissioners program.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 18, 2019

Agreed to by the Senate, February 23, 2019

WHEREAS, the Newport News Police Department's Young Adult Police Commissioners program gives young people voices in matters that affect their community and an opportunity to participate in problem-solving strategies to address current and emerging issues; and

WHEREAS, the Young Adult Police Commissioners is a youth advisory board created by the Newport News Police Department, working in partnership with Newport News Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Young Adult Police Commissioners helps young people gain a better understanding of law enforcement and appreciate the importance of civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, by sharing these messages with their peers, students who take part in the Young Adult Police Commissioners program can make their neighborhoods safer and their communities stronger; and

WHEREAS, in December 2018, Newport News Police Department held a swearing-in ceremony for 24 high school students who were chosen by school resource officers and school administrators to participate in the Young Adult Police Commissioners program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Newport News Police Department's Young Adult Police Commissioners program; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Newport News Police Department as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the Young Adult Police Commissioners program's important role in building trust and understanding between law-enforcement officers and young people in the community.

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