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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

Offered February 20, 2020

Commending the Division of Capitol Police.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Division of Capitol Police is America's oldest law-enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Capitol Police has been tasked with several exceptional situations during the 2020 Session of the General Assembly, including a rally organized by Virginians in support of the Second Amendment that brought 22,000 participants to Capitol Square and the surrounding area on January 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Capitol Police successfully coordinated with other local, state, and national law-enforcement agencies to thoroughly prepare for the thousands who planned to attend the rally; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety and security of rally participants, members of the Division of Capitol Police devoted long hours and endured personal sacrifices in their extensive planning and careful preparations for the rally; and

WHEREAS, in addition to manning security checkpoints for Capitol Square, the Division of Capitol Police and other law-enforcement agencies maintained effective crowd control through increased presence in and around state office buildings to minimize disruptions for state employees; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Capitol Police demonstrated a high degree of vigilance, dedication to duty, and professionalism while fulfilling their mission to serve as both police officers and ambassadors to the seat of Virginia's government during the Second Amendment rally; and

WHEREAS, the members of the General Assembly and the state agencies in and around Capitol Square sincerely appreciate the hard work and dedication demonstrated by the officers of the Division of Capitol Police as they maintain order, security, and overall smooth operations in the execution of their duties every day; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Division of Capitol Police hereby be commended for its performance above and beyond the normal call of duty during the 2020 Session of the General Assembly; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel Anthony S. Pike, chief of the Division of Capitol Police, as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for the department's enduring commitment to keeping Virginians safe.

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