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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

Offered January 21, 2022

Commending Trooper Jonathan R. Davis.

Patrons—Ruff, Boysko, Cosgrove, Deeds, Hanger, Howell and Reeves; Delegates: Anderson, Avoli, Ballard, Carr, Clark, Convirs-Fowler, Fowler, Hope, Keam, Kilgore, Maldonado, Marshall, Morefield, Rasoul, Reid, Wampler, Ware, Watts and Wright

WHEREAS, Trooper Jonathan R. Davis, an outstanding law-enforcement officer with the Virginia State Police, received the 2021 Leadership in Looking Beyond the License Plate Award for his work to disrupt a credit card theft operation; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership in Looking Beyond the License Plate Award is presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to law-enforcement officers such as Jonathan Davis, whose work during routine traffic stops plays a role in preventing additional, more severe crimes; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Davis joined the Virginia State Police in 2018 and is currently assigned to the Area 22 Office of Virginia State Police Division Three; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, Jonathan Davis stopped a vehicle for speeding on Interstate 85 near South Hill; he conducted a search of the vehicle after noticing that the paper license plate taped to the rear window did not match the title information presented to him by the driver; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Davis determined that the occupants of the vehicle were foreign nationals residing in New York and uncovered a bag containing a credit card skimmer, 14 credit or debit cards, and \$140,000 in cash; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Davis proactively contacted the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which dispatched an agent to the scene; the agent used a mobile scanning device to confirm that several of the cards had been rewritten with stolen information; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Davis also contacted the Virginia State Police High Tech Crimes Division, which analyzed the cellular phones and other electronics seized from the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, thanks to Jonathan Davis's outstanding investigative work, a grand jury indicted both occupants of the vehicle on six felony charges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Trooper Jonathan R. Davis of the Virginia State Police on winning the 2021 Leadership in Looking Beyond the License Plate Award; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Trooper Jonathan R. Davis as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements in service to the residents of the Commonwealth.

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