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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79

Offered January 27, 2022

*Commending Dawn Harman.*

Patrons—Reeves, Boysko, Chase, Edwards, Howell, Ruff, Spruill, Stuart and Surovell; Delegates: Adams, D.M., Avoli, Convirs-Fowler, Davis, Maldonado, Morefield, Rasoul, Reid, Roem, Scott, P.A., Ware and Williams

WHEREAS, Dawn Harman, assistant police chief of the Prince William County Police Department, who has honorably served the citizens of Prince William County for the past 30 years, retired in 2021; and

WHEREAS, a native of Prince William County, Dawn Harman graduated from Gar-Field High School in Woodbridge and earned a bachelor's degree in animal and veterinary science from West Virginia University; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Harman joined the Prince William County Police Department as a deputy animal warden in 1991 and was promoted to police officer less than three years later, the first of many promotions that she would earn as a result of her exemplary leadership and commitment to serving the agency; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Harman covered various assignments over her distinguished 30-year career, including animal control, patrol operations, crime prevention, accreditation, and support services, and served previously as the director of the Animal Control Bureau and as the Western District commander; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Harman was promoted to the rank of major in September 2014, holding the distinction of being the first female assistant chief in the history of the Prince William County Police Department; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as assistant chief, Dawn Harman supported several capital improvement programs and significant department initiatives, including the planning and construction of a new animal services center and the expansion of the public safety training center; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Harman has been a mentor to future generations of law-enforcement officers at the Prince William County Police Department and also shared her expertise with students as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at George Mason University; and

WHEREAS, in her retirement, Dawn Harman will have more time to spend with her loving husband, Mark, who is also retired from the Prince William County Police Department, and her four children, two of whom are carrying on the Harman legacy as officers with the Prince William County Police Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Dawn Harman, assistant chief of the Prince William County Police Department, on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dawn Harman as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth.

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