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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 726

Offered February 16, 2023

Commending Chris Jenkins.

Patrons—Freitas; Senators: Reeves and Vogel

WHEREAS, Chris Jenkins, a distinguished law-enforcement officer with more than 45 years of experience, retired as chief of the Culpeper Police Department on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Culpeper County High School in 1977, Chris Jenkins joined the Culpeper Police Department as a dispatcher at the age of 18; two years later, he became a certified police officer and subsequently rose through the ranks, fulfilling numerous roles in the department; and

WHEREAS, prior to becoming chief, Chris Jenkins served as a commander of the Culpeper Police Department Operations Division, overseeing patrol units, special operations, the K-9 unit, and reserve officers; he also assisted with the development of the department's budget and conducted public relations activities; and

WHEREAS, Chris Jenkins guided the department as interim chief in 2001, 2007, and just before he was officially appointed as chief in 2010; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chief, Chris Jenkins built strong relationships based on trust and mutual respect with members of the public and implemented a community policing model, with an emphasis on less-lethal force and the use of body cameras; and

WHEREAS, Chris Jenkins served as executive chair of the Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Academy and executive board member of the Blue Ridge Narcotics and Gang Task Force and was a member of other local task forces related to auto theft and insurance fraud; he also represented Culpeper County on the board of Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services; and

WHEREAS, a respected leader in the field of law enforcement, Chris Jenkins was a member of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police; he graduated from the FBI National Academy with Session 218 and was a member of the FBI National Academy Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Chris Jenkins played a vital role in the creation and leadership of Team Jordan, a nonprofit organization that raises awareness of suicide prevention and provides support to survivors; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and accolades for his service, Chris Jenkins received the Advocacy Award from the Culpeper Witness/Victim Program for his work to ensure the rights and safety of people who have witnessed or been the victim of a crime; and

WHEREAS, Chris Jenkins served the Culpeper community and the Commonwealth with the utmost dedication, integrity, and distinction; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Chris Jenkins on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Culpeper Police Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chris Jenkins as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his exceptional service to the Culpeper community.

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