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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 385

Offered February 20, 2023

*Commending Gregory C. Brown.*

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WHEREAS, Gregory C. Brown, a trailblazing law-enforcement officer, retired as the chief of the Leesburg Police Department, following six successful years of service to the Leesburg community; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Brown began his law-enforcement career with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority in 1996; the following year, he joined the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, where he held several important roles with the organization, ultimately achieving the rank of captain and serving as commander of the Eastern Loudoun substation; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Brown began serving as chief of the Leesburg Police Department on October 3, 2016, and was the first Black chief of police in town history; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Brown worked diligently to ensure that his officers had the finest tools, training, and technology; he expanded the department to 90 sworn officers and 13 staff members and created several new positions, including public information officer, crime and traffic analyst, and domestic violence detective, to better serve and protect members of the community; and

WHEREAS, under Gregory Brown's exemplary leadership, he brought further distinction to a law-enforcement organization that prides itself on community policing and, during his tenure, was an outspoken advocate for the town's community policing model; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chief, Gregory Brown's efforts to emphasize the importance of community policing helped Leesburg earn regional recognition; under his leadership, the department also achieved reaccreditation by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services in 2018 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, highly admired by his peers in the law-enforcement profession, Gregory Brown has offered his leadership and expertise to many prominent national and regional law-enforcement boards and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Brown will continue to serve the local law-enforcement community as the new executive director of the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, having previously served as deputy director of basic training at the academy from 2013 to 2015; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Gregory C. Brown on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Leesburg Police Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Gregory C. Brown as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding service to the residents of Leesburg and Loudoun County.

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