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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 130

Offered February 15, 2023

Commending Anthony J. Panebianco.

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WHEREAS, Anthony J. Panebianco, a respected law-enforcement officer who has most recently served citizens of the Commonwealth as chief of the Middleburg Police Department, will retire on May 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Anthony "A.J." Panebianco has devoted more than 35 years to the protection and well-being of communities throughout the Commonwealth as a law-enforcement officer, including the past 11 years with the Middleburg Police Department; and

WHEREAS, A.J. Panebianco previously served as chief of the Louisa Police Department, where his emphasis on community-oriented policing was credited with bolstering the department's reputation; and

WHEREAS, A.J. Panebianco joined the Middleburg Police Department in 2012, overseeing a staff of five sworn officers and an administrative assistant and implementing an annual operating budget of \$870,000; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with the Middleburg Police Department, A.J. Panebianco has earned the esteem of leaders and citizens of Middleburg for his personal approach to policing and for his ability to build relationships between the department and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his leadership and experience, A.J. Panebianco was named president of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) for 2021-2022 at the organization's annual conference in 2021; and

WHEREAS, A.J. Panebianco has additionally served on the VACP Executive Committee for several years and recently as its first vice president, working tirelessly for the organization's members and for law-enforcement officers throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, by placing the needs of the community above his own and by always conducting himself with the utmost professionalism and civility, A.J. Panebianco has embodied the ideals of the law-enforcement profession and served as an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Anthony J. Panebianco hereby be commended on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Middleburg Police Department; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Anthony J. Panebianco as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his legacy of service.

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