

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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3 *Commending John Lavinder.*
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 820

Offered July 18, 2024

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7 WHEREAS, John Lavinder, a dedicated law-enforcement officer who helped locate numerous missing
8 persons over the course of his 39-year career, retired as a master deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff's
9 Office in 2024; and

10 WHEREAS, after joining the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, John Lavinder served in the corrections
11 and courts divisions, but he became best known for his work as a trainer and handler of scent hounds; and

12 WHEREAS, John Lavinder spent 32 years as a bloodhound dog handler and earned local, state, and
13 national acclaim for his skill as a police K9 scent training instructor; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, John Lavinder raised seven of
15 the department's police dogs, including his current K9 partner, Jethro, a 10-year-old bloodhound who has
16 trained in trailing human scent for most of his life; and

17 WHEREAS, K9 Jethro will join John Lavinder in his well-earned retirement, both having touched
18 countless lives in and around Franklin County through their exceptional service; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That John Lavinder hereby be commended on the occasion of his
20 retirement from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office; and, be it

21 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
22 presentation to John Lavinder as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements on
behalf of the residents of Franklin County.

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