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1                           **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10**

2                           Offered January 14, 2026

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4                           *Commending Charles W. Foster, Jr.*5                           \_\_\_\_\_  
6                           Patron—Cornett7                           WHEREAS, Charles W. Foster, Jr., a distinguished law-enforcement officer and sheriff of Wythe County,  
8                           who devoted nearly four decades to protecting and serving the Wythe County community, retired in 2025;  
9                           and10                           WHEREAS, Charles Foster began his law-enforcement career with the Wythe County Sheriff's Office in  
11                           1987 as a dispatcher and steadily moved up the ranks to serve as a jailer, patrol deputy, investigator, patrol  
12                           supervisor, civil supervisor, and chief deputy sheriff before being elected sheriff in 2021; and13                           WHEREAS, over the past 38 years with the Wythe County Sheriff's Office, Charles Foster demonstrated  
14                           a deep commitment to promoting public safety, fostering community partnerships, and ensuring the highest  
15                           level of fairness and professionalism; and16                           WHEREAS, Charles Foster generously mentored countless fellow law-enforcement officers over his  
17                           career, contributing to their success in service to their communities; and18                           WHEREAS, during his tenure as sheriff of Wythe County, Charles Foster spearheaded new advancements  
19                           in public safety technology, community policing initiatives, and crime prevention strategies, while securing  
20                           competitive wages for his officers and staff; and21                           WHEREAS, through his devotion to justice and the well-being of his community, Charles Foster  
22                           embodied the ideals of the law-enforcement profession, earning him the esteem and admiration of all  
23                           Virginians; now, therefore, be it24                           RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby  
25                           commend Charles W. Foster, Jr., sheriff of Wythe County, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it26                           RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for  
27                           presentation to Charles W. Foster, Jr., as an expression of the General Assembly's appreciation for his  
28                           dedicated service and best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

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