

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 5, 2013

To recognize and honor Lieutenant Jon Shelton for his service with the Metropolitan Police Department.

WHEREAS, Jon Shelton joined the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) in October 1988 and retired on November 1, 2013, with 25 years of service;

WHEREAS, Jon Shelton was first assigned to patrol in the First District, and then became a Tactical Officer investigating drug crime in 1990;

WHEREAS, Jon Shelton’s commitment, skill, and intelligence were quickly recognized, and in 1993 he received awards from both the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (Tactical Officer of the Year for Outstanding Contributions in Narcotics Enforcement, February 24, 1993) and the U.S. Department of Justice (Special Commendation for Outstanding Contributions in Narcotics Enforcement, June 19, 1993) for his contributions to making the city safer during the height of the crack cocaine epidemic;

WHEREAS, Jon Shelton worked on issues surrounding the crack cocaine epidemic when drug crimes contributed to the District recording more than 400 homicides per year for 5 consecutive years (1989 – 1993);

WHEREAS, Jon Shelton became a sergeant in June 1993, and was assigned to patrol in the Third District;

WHEREAS, in 1994, Jon Shelton took over MPD’s Gun Control Unit, and from that time until his retirement, he was responsible for implementing the District’s firearms laws;

WHEREAS, Jon Shelton and his staff received countless expressions of gratitude for going above and beyond expectations in serving customers;

WHEREAS, as a subject matter expert on firearms and firearms law in the District of Columbia, Jon Shelton was instrumental in assisting policy makers in drafting legislation, implementing regulations, and testifying during civil litigation related to firearms for almost 2 decades;

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WHEREAS, since the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, this served as nearly a full-time job on its own;

WHEREAS, in 2001, Jon Shelton was promoted to lieutenant, and MPD's Security Officers Management Branch was added to his command;

WHEREAS, from that time up until his retirement from MPD, Jon Shelton oversaw all regulatory functions related to the security industry in the District, a function normally performed at the state level, which included licensing and regulating approximately 15,000 individuals and 500 businesses, and all investigations of those licensees, including any allegations related to misconduct or abuse of authority;

WHEREAS, as with the oversight of firearms, Jon Shelton was also instrumental in a substantive rewrite of legislation pertaining to the security industry during his tenure;

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Jon Shelton received at least 6 commendations and awards from various Chiefs of Police, and numerous letters of commendation from commanding officers; and

WHEREAS, Jon Shelton retired with distinction on November 1, 2013.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Lieutenant Jon Shelton Recognition Resolution of 2013".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and thanks Jon Shelton for his 25 years of service with the Metropolitan Police Department and for the residents of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.