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Joint Board Matter

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Chairman Sharon Bulova

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Madam Chairman—The Fairfax County Police Department has been awarded Agency of the Year by the National Citizens Police Academy Association. This award is given to a police department or public safety agency for outstanding efforts in conducting a citizen police academy program and promoting the citizen academy concept.

The Citizens Police Academy is a ten-week program hosted by the police department to educate citizens about local law enforcement. Tracy Ryan, its director, is a volunteer who joined the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program in 2004.

Under Ms. Ryan's leadership and guidance, the Citizens Police Academy program hosted more sessions and reached more participants this year than during any previous year in its history. More than 150 citizens participated in four academy programs during the award consideration period that ran from April 2008 to March 2009. Each community academy was tailored to the

particular community where it was held and involved officers and command staff from the local district station.

Madam Chairman—I ask for unanimous consent to bring Tracy Ryan to the Board for recognition of her dedicated service to the citizens of Fairfax County.