HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5070

Commending Captain Peter R. Nette.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 12, 2014 Agreed to by the Senate, June 12, 2014

WHEREAS, Captain Peter R. Nette has served the United States Navy and the King George County community with distinction as the commanding officer of Naval Support Activity-South Potomac in Dahlgren; and

WHEREAS, Captain Nette received his commission in the United States Navy in 1986 after earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida, and he was designated a naval aviator in 1989; he later completed the Joint Professional Military Education Program and earned a master's degree from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Captain Nette served tours aboard the USS *Lexington*, flying C-2A Greyhound cargo planes in the western Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean, and aboard the USS *Independence*, flying ES-3A Shadow reconnaissance planes in support of Operation Southern Watch and China-Taiwan contingency operations; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Captain Nette reported to the Joint Interagency Coordination Group for Combating Terrorism, and from 2004 to 2006, he served as the executive officer, then commanding officer, of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 30; he later served the Chief of Naval Operations as the head of the Individual Augmentation Branch; and

WHEREAS, following a tour with Commander Pacific Fleet, Captain Nette assumed command of Naval Support Activity-South Potomac in 2011; under his leadership, the civilian and military employees of the base have connected with the community through numerous outreach programs, including Feds Feed Families and holiday assistance campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Captain Nette has encouraged membership and participation in the South Potomac Community Relations Council, which fosters dialogue with the community on the base's stewardship of the local environment and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, commissioning studies on joint land use, Captain Nette has helped preserve the health, safety, and welfare of local residents while maintaining support for the base; he has also consulted with community leaders on how to enhance safety for base employees and local residents by creating new traffic patterns; and

WHEREAS, Captain Nette's ongoing support for the Dahlgren Heritage Museum has been instrumental in preserving the proud history of both the base and the United States Navy; with his support, the museum has remained able to provide education and outreach to the community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his military career, Captain Nette logged 2,850 flight hours and 430 arrested landings aboard 18 aircraft carriers, and he earned numerous awards and decorations for his valorous and dedicated service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Captain Peter R. Nette for his leadership of Naval Support Activity-South Potomac and his involvement in the community; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Captain Peter R. Nette as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his distinguished military career and service to King George County.