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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1016**

Offered February 17, 2019

*Commending Captain Todd Marzano, USN.*

Patrons—Hope, Adams, D.M., Cole, Convirs-Fowler, Delaney, Heretick, Kory, Landes, Levine, Lopez, Rasoul, Reid, Rodman, Sullivan and Ware; Senators: Boysko, Dance, Deeds, Ebbin, Favola, Howell, Reeves, Spruill and Wagner

WHEREAS, Captain Todd Marzano, USN, has demonstrated meritorious conduct in service to the Commonwealth and the nation as commanding officer of the USS *ARLINGTON*; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marzano was commissioned as an aviation officer in December 1992 and has completed numerous tours of duty around the world, deploying in support of Operation Southern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marzano has logged more than 3,000 flight hours and made more than 800 carrier landings, earning the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and four Strike Flight Medals, as well as unit, campaign, and service awards; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marzano assumed command of the USS *ARLINGTON* in 2018 and oversaw extensive repairs and critical preventative maintenance to return the ship to full combat capability; and

WHEREAS, during Captain Marzano's service as commanding officer, the USS *ARLINGTON* completed multiple at-sea exercises with the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and conducted exercises and training with the United States Marines stationed afloat; and

WHEREAS, on short notice, Captain Marzano led the USS *ARLINGTON* in sailing from Norfolk in the face of severe weather from the approaching Hurricane Florence to provide rapid disaster relief along the Mid-Atlantic Coast in September 2018; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marzano and the officers and crew of the USS *ARLINGTON* represented the Commonwealth and the United States Navy at New York City's Fleet Week, welcoming aboard more than 20,000 visitors; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marzano has built strong ties between the USS *ARLINGTON* and the residents of its namesake Arlington County by hosting ship visits, conducting school visits to give students a chance to learn about the vital role of the United States Navy, and sending a team to participate in the 9-1-1 Memorial 5K & Half, which honors victims of the attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, under Captain Marzano's leadership, the officers and crew of the USS *ARLINGTON* continued to demonstrate the highest level of professionalism and esprit de corps; a significant number of personnel achieved surface warfare officer/enlisted designation, the maximum number of sailors were promoted to chief petty officers, and the ship's percent reenlistment exceeded normal standards, all indicators of high morale and the superior quality of the ship's leadership team; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marzano was relieved of command onboard the USS *ARLINGTON* on February 14, 2018, by Captain Paul J. Lanzilotta, USN; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Captain Todd Marzano, USN, for his exceptional service as commanding officer of the USS *ARLINGTON*; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Captain Todd Marzano, USN, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his achievements in defense of the Commonwealth and the United States.

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