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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 296

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*Commending Sergeant 1st Class Richard Harris, ARNG, Ret.*

Patrons—Fowler; Senator: McDougle

WHEREAS, Sergeant 1st Class Richard Harris, ARNG, Ret., honorable veteran and longtime employee at United States Army Garrison Fort A.P. Hill, retired from civil service on January 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, born in Caroline County, Richard Harris learned the importance of hard work on his father's farm, where he would dutifully drive the tractor from sunup to sundown as well as perform chores around the farm; and

WHEREAS, Richard Harris continued to hone his impressive work ethic while a student at Union High School in Bowling Green, driving a school bus and serving as a janitor around his coursework; and

WHEREAS, graduating from Union High School in 1968, Richard Harris was drafted into the United States Army a year later, training as an infantryman at Fort Benning, Georgia, and carrying out his assignment in Mannheim, West Germany; and

WHEREAS, completing his active duty service in 1971, Richard Harris worked briefly at the Keller aluminum plant in Caroline County, first as a truck loader and later as a production scheduler; and

WHEREAS, a summer job setting up general purpose medium tents at Fort A.P. Hill would change the trajectory of the remainder of Richard Harris' career; demonstrating an ability to complete his work effectively and efficiently, he assumed more responsibilities and was ultimately supervising his own tent crew; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Richard Harris was promoted to a year-round position in the Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants (POL) department in Fort A.P. Hill's Directorate of Logistics, supporting training programs for countless National Guard and reserve units at the base; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, Richard Harris has been a permanent employee with the POL department, serving for the past seven years as its supervisor, a role that is essential to the successful operation of the United States Armed Forces' premier training facility; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Virginia Army National Guard since 1976, Richard Harris served as an ammunition sergeant and in the food service department before retiring as Sergeant 1st Class in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Richard Harris tirelessly served his community and provided an invaluable service to the residents of Caroline County as a lifetime member of the Frog Level Volunteer Fire Department, which he joined in 1976; and

WHEREAS, over a career that spanned nearly a half-century, Richard Harris made immeasurable contributions to the United States Armed Forces, demonstrating steadfast dedication in his service to the country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Sergeant 1st Class Richard Harris, ARNG, Ret., who was an integral member of Fort A.P. Hill's Directorate of Logistics as the Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants department supervisor, on the occasion of his retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sergeant 1st Class Richard Harris, ARNG, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his efforts on behalf of the country and the Commonwealth.

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