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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 322

Offered February 25, 2020

Commending Chief Warrant Officer 5 William R. Halevy, USA, Ret.

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WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 5 William R. Halevy, USA, Ret., a decorated military aviator with more than four decades of service, established Veterans Health and Benefits Management in Culpeper County to provide critical services at no cost to veterans; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his distinguished career, William Halevy served in the United States Army National Guard, the United States Army Reserve, and on active duty, including deployments around the world, from the Vietnam War to Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, having served multiple tours in combat as a helicopter pilot, as well as stateside posts, including at the National Guard Bureau and the United States Army Forces Command, William Halevy gained a unique understanding of the interactions among the many different components of the nation's military; and

WHEREAS, shortly after his retirement, William Halevy was approached by fellow veterans seeking advice on receiving health care and benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and realized the need for a dedicated local support network; and

WHEREAS, William Halevy established Veterans Health and Benefits Management to help veterans and their families navigate the different administrative departments responsible for health care, disability compensation, pensions, and other benefits; and

WHEREAS, William Halevy has changed the lives of countless veterans, including many who were unaware of benefits and others who had given up trying to receive benefits due to the length and complexity of the process; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran service officer, accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, William Halevy has served his fellow veterans with compassion, professionalism, and integrity, and his work with Veterans Health and Benefits Management demonstrates his enduring commitment to service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Chief Warrant Officer 5 William R. Halevy, USA, Ret., for his outstanding achievements on behalf of the men and women who have served and sacrificed in defense of the nation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Chief Warrant Officer 5 William R. Halevy, USA, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his legacy of contributions to the veteran community in the Commonwealth and the United States.

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