

2020 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 542

Commending Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Semyon Vindman, USA Ret.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 25, 2020

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Semyon Vindman, USA Ret., retired from military service in July 2020 after a distinguished 21-year career, including service as Director of European Affairs for the United States National Security Council; and

WHEREAS, born in Ukraine, Alexander Vindman immigrated to the United States with his family and grew up in New York; he attended State University of New York at Binghamton, where he participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Alexander Vindman completed foreign deployments to South Korea and Germany and served a tour of duty during the Iraq War, earning a Purple Heart after he was wounded by a roadside bomb in October 2004; he later became a foreign area officer specializing in Eurasia and was assigned to United States embassies in Ukraine and Russia; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Alexander Vindman achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel and was assigned to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a politico-military affairs officer with a focus on Russia; and

WHEREAS, in July 2018, Lieutenant Colonel Vindman was assigned to the United States National Security Council and participated in high-level policy discussions related to European affairs; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his military career, Lieutenant Colonel Vindman earned the Ranger Tab and the Parachutist Badge, as well as two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, and two Army Achievement Medals, among many other awards and decorations; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Vindman courageously served the United States with dedication, distinction, and dignity, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Semyon Vindman, USA, Ret., hereby be commended for his honorable military service and his commitment to the preservation and defense of the Constitution and its values upon which this nation was founded; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Semyon Vindman, USA, Ret., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his achievements in service to the nation.

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