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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 553

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Commending Colonel William Joseph Flanagan, Jr., USA, Ret.

Patrons—Cox, Coyner and Robinson; Senator: Ruff

WHEREAS, Colonel William Joseph Flanagan, Jr., USA, Ret., has served the Commonwealth and the nation with dedication and distinction for many years; and

WHEREAS, raised in Saratoga Springs, New York, William "Bill" Joseph Flanagan, Jr., was a member of the United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Cornell University, and relocated to Virginia for his first duty station at Fort Lee in Prince George County; and

WHEREAS, over the next three decades, Bill Flanagan's military postings took him to France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Vietnam, Thailand, and multiple locations in the United States, including three years at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, notably, Bill Flanagan served as the first chief of the Office of the Quartermaster General, the first chief of staff of the Defense Commissary Agency, the chief of staff of the II Corps Support Command, and the commander of Defense Subsistence Region-Europe; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the United States Army, Bill Flanagan continued his education by earning a master's degree from the University of Delaware, attending the Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College, and completing training with Marriott International; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and decorations, Bill Flanagan received the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Bill Flanagan continued to support his fellow veterans as a longtime member of the Quartermaster Museum Foundation Board, the Virginia War Memorial Foundation, the Association of the United States Army, and the Military Officers Association of America; and

WHEREAS, Bill Flanagan pursued a second career in state government as a legislative aide and chief of staff to the Honorable M. Kirkland Cox for 23 years, earning the admiration of colleagues and constituents for his professionalism and attention to detail in service to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Bill Flanagan and his wife of more than 57 years, Diane, have proudly raised four children and have been blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; the couple are experienced world travelers who have visited more than 60 countries; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Colonel William Joseph Flanagan, Jr., USA, Ret., for his exemplary service to the Commonwealth and the United States; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel William Joseph Flanagan, Jr., USA, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his personal and professional achievements.

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