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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 665

Offered January 30, 2021

Commending Bobbie Jean Meriwether.

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 Patrons—Cole, M.L., Fowler, Freitas and Orrock; Senator: Reeves

WHEREAS, Bobbie Jean Meriwether, an honorable veteran and longtime Department of the Army civilian, will retire on July 31, 2021, after nearly 41 years of service to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie Jean Meriwether enlisted in the United States Army as an active duty soldier in 1977, served as a mobilization day soldier and technician with the Army National Guard from 1983 to 1985, and then returned to active duty as an active guard reserve soldier in 1985; and

WHEREAS, as an active duty and mobilization day soldier, Bobbie Jean Meriwether held positions of increasing responsibility at various postings, including Camp Red Cloud, South Korea; Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Ord, California; Los Alamitos, California; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Heidelberg, Germany; and the National Guard Bureau's Army National Guard Directorate in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of her active duty, Bobbie Jean Meriwether continued to serve her country as a Department of the Army civilian at the headquarters of the Army National Guard in Arlington for nearly 21 years; and

WHEREAS, in civilian service, Bobbie Jean Meriweather supported the Army National Guard by overseeing its capabilities integration, program funding, mobilization strategies, and the readiness requirements for soldiers and units across the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, with more than 40 years of service in the United States Army and the National Guard Bureau, Bobbie Jean Meriweather has embodied a commitment to the country and its citizens that is an inspiration to all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Bobbie Jean Meriwether, an esteemed veteran and Department of the Army civilian, on the occasion of her retirement; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Bobbie Jean Meriwether as an expression of the General Assembly's profound admiration for her service to the country and the Commonwealth and best wishes for a long and fulfilling retirement.