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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 720

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Commending Lieutenant Junior Grade Madeline Swegle, USN.

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WHEREAS, in 2020, Lieutenant Junior Grade Madeline Swegle, USN, of Burke completed the United States Navy's Tactical Air (Strike) aviator training syllabus, becoming the Navy's first African American female tactical jet pilot; and

WHEREAS, Madeline Swegle graduated from Lake Braddock Secondary School, where she excelled as a track and field athlete, winning a Virginia High School League state championship for a 4x800-meter relay race in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Madeline Swegle matriculated at the United States Naval Academy and continued to compete in track and field events at the collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, Madeline Swegle subsequently reported to Training Squadron 21 at Naval Air Station Kingsville in Texas; her rigorous 12-month training syllabus included more than 160 hours of flight time and instruction in advanced maneuvers, such as carrier landings and air-to-air dogfighting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lieutenant Junior Grade Madeline Swegle, USN, on becoming the United States Navy's first African American female tactical jet pilot; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lieutenant Junior Grade Madeline Swegle, USN, as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her trailblazing achievements in service to the United States.

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