

## 2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 717

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*Commending the Virginia Women Veterans Program.*

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WHEREAS, for nearly three years, the Virginia Women Veterans Program has advocated for and supported women in the Commonwealth who have served as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Women Veterans Program traces its roots to a group of local initiatives that began around 2011, and it was officially established as a program of the Department of Veterans Services with Beverly VanTull as its first full-time manager in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Beverly VanTull was uniquely qualified to lead the Virginia Women Veterans Program; she served the nation in uniform for more than 18 years as a member of the United States Army Medical Services Corps and worked as a professional consultant for veterans' services organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Women Veterans Program recognizes that women veterans face many challenges and obstacles, both during and after their military service, that do not affect their male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 women veterans currently reside in the Commonwealth, which has a higher per capita percentage of women veterans than any other state; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Women Veterans Program strives to ensure that the needs and concerns of women veterans are understood and addressed and has built strong partnerships with nonprofit and community organizations to provide unique opportunities for its clients; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Women Veterans Program hereby be commended on the occasion of its third anniversary of service to women veterans in the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Beverly VanTull, manager of the Virginia Women Veterans Program, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the program's achievements on behalf of the women who have served and sacrificed in defense of the Commonwealth and the nation.

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