HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 748

Commending the Virginia Department of Veterans Services Military Medics and Corpsmen Program.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 4, 2021

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Virginia Department of Veterans Services Military Medics and Corpsmen Program received the State Transformation in Action Recognition award from the Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments; and

WHEREAS, each year, the State Transformation in Action Recognition (STAR) award recognizes two government agencies that have enhanced the quality of life in their state through creative, impactful, transferable, and effective solutions; both winners in 2021 were from the Commonwealth, the Virginia Department of Veterans Services Military Medics and Corpsmen Program (MMAC) and a program of the Virginia Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, a panel of experienced policy professionals selected MMAC as a model of innovation and effectiveness in state government in the Southern region for its success in helping medically trained military veterans transition to civilian careers in the health care field; and

WHEREAS, MMAC was established as a pilot program in 2016 and became a permanent program in 2018 with the passage of legislation that allows military medics or corpsmen to practice certain medical acts under the supervision of a physician, a medical director, or other licensed designees; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, MMAC expanded to offer assistance to military spouses seeking to begin or continue a career in health care in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, MMAC has helped more than 300 veterans achieve careers in health care; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Department of Veterans Services Military Medics and Corpsmen Program hereby be commended on receiving the prestigious State Transformation in Action Recognition award in 2021; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services Military Medics and Corpsmen Program as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the program's achievements in service to the nation's veterans living and working in the Commonwealth.