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### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 769

Offered August 3, 2021

*Commending the Honorable Carlos Hopkins.*

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Carlos Hopkins, the current Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and a colonel in the Virginia Army National Guard, will deploy to the Middle East in support of Operation Spartan Shield in 2021; and

WHEREAS, a member of Governor Ralph Northam's administration since 2018, Carlos Hopkins coordinates state and federal resources to support the veteran and active-duty military community in Virginia, and his diligent advocacy has helped make the Commonwealth one of the best states for veterans in the nation; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, Carlos Hopkins has overseen the Virginia Values Veterans Program, which has helped more than 35,000 service members transition to civilian careers; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Hopkins helped expand services for the significant population of women veterans in the Commonwealth and increased mental health support services to reduce suicide among active and returning service members; and

WHEREAS, after mobilization training in Virginia, Maryland, and Texas, Carlos Hopkins will deploy to the Central Command Area of Operations with the 29th Infantry Division as part of Task Force Spartan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Honorable Carlos Hopkins hereby be commended for his support for veterans and service to the Commonwealth and the nation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Honorable Carlos Hopkins as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements and best wishes for a safe and successful deployment.

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