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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 425

Offered March 7, 2022

*Commending Carlos Del Toro.*

Patrons—Tran, Bennett-Parker, Bulova, Delaney, Filler-Corn, Guzman, Hayes, Helmer, Herring, Hope, Keam, Kory, Krizek, Lopez, Murphy, Plum, Reid, Shin, Sickles, Simon, Sullivan, Torian and Watts; Senators: Barker, Boysko, Ebbin, Favola, Marsden, Petersen, Saslaw and Surovell

WHEREAS, Carlos Del Toro of Alexandria, a distinguished veteran and successful entrepreneur, was sworn in as Secretary of the Navy under President Joseph R. Biden in August 2021; and

WHEREAS, born in Havana, Cuba, Carlos Del Toro immigrated to the United States with his family as refugees and grew up in New York City; he earned an appointment to the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned as a surface warfare officer after his graduation in 1983; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his 22-year career in the United States Navy, Carlos Del Toro served as commanding officer of the USS *Bulkeley* and was appointed to serve in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Office of Management and Budget, gaining critical experience in a wide range of governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the United States Navy in 2004, Carlos Del Toro founded SBG Technology Solutions, which has become one of the premier small government contractors in the country, providing advanced, innovative, cost-effective technology solutions to a wide array of clients in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS in 2018, Carlos Del Toro was elected as president of the White House Fellows Foundation and Association, a prestigious leadership development program that gives outstanding young men and women opportunities to work at the highest levels of government; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Del Toro's business acumen served him well as president of the White House Fellows Foundation and Association, where he was responsible for recruiting talented candidates and maintaining the program's legacy of leadership and contributions to the public good; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Del Toro served on the President's Commission on White House Fellows and work to foster strong relationships between current fellows, alumni, commissioners, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Del Toro has served as a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce Council on Small Business and the Board of Visitors of the University of Mary Washington, and he has earned many awards and accolades for his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Del Toro's nomination for Secretary of the Navy was approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee on July 27, 2021, and approved by the United States Senate on August 7, 2021; he took office shortly thereafter and was ceremonially sworn in on August 24, 2021, becoming only the second Hispanic American to hold the position; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Carlos Del Toro on his appointment as Secretary of the Navy in 2021; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Carlos Del Toro as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his ongoing service to the Commonwealth and the nation.

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