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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 759

Offered February 18, 2023

Commending Colonel D'Anne Emmett Spence, USAF, Ret.

Patron—Ballard

WHEREAS, Colonel D'Anne Emmett Spence, USAF, Ret., honorably served the nation in the United States Air Force and retired in October 2022 following an impressive 25-year career; and

WHEREAS, D'Anne Spence was nominated to the United States Air Force Academy by former Congressman Charlie Wilson of Texas and enrolled in 1995; and

WHEREAS, as a United States Air Force Academy cadet, D'Anne Spence excelled both academically and as a member of the institution's tennis team; and

WHEREAS, after graduating in 1999, D'Anne Spence began her journey as an officer in the United States Air Force and four years later was invited back to teach chemistry at the academy; and

WHEREAS, D'Anne Spence's impressive career in the United States Air Force included numerous decorations, including the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the National Nuclear Security Administration Administrator Excellence Medal; and

WHEREAS, over the course of her distinguished career in the United States Air Force, D'Anne Spence served in critical positions for the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and as a legislative liaison to the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, D'Anne Spence's last duty assignment was as the United States Air Force Academy liaison to the national capital region, where she assisted the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and their staffs on all matters pertaining to the academy; and

WHEREAS, in her personal life, D'Anne Spence has served in various leadership roles in organizations such as the Military Benefit Association and the Army Navy Country Club, where she currently serves as the club secretary; and

WHEREAS, D'Anne Spence resides in Arlington and has enjoyed the love and support of her family in all her endeavors, including that of her parents, Joe and Judy Emmett, and her children, Samantha and Emmett; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Colonel D'Anne Emmett Spence, USAF, Ret., an honorable servant to the United States and resident of the Commonwealth, for her service to the nation as an officer in the United States Air Force; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel D'Anne Emmett Spence, USAF, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her work and for her service to the nation.

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