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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 390

Offered February 21, 2023

Commending Commander Claudia D. Flores, USN, Ret.

Patrons—Murphy, Glass, Helmer, Krizek, Lopez, McGuire, Rasoul, Reid, Seibold, Simon, Ware and Watts

WHEREAS, Commander Claudia D. Flores, USN, Ret., an honorable veteran and current director of policy and planning at the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, has greatly served the Commonwealth and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Flores began her 28-year career in the United States Navy as an enlisted cryptologist, serving as a linguist before earning her commission as an intelligence officer; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Flores' tours of duty with the United States Navy have supported assignments overseas, combatant commands, the National Security Agency, the Office of Naval Intelligence, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Flores completed combat deployments aboard the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* aircraft carrier in service to the country before retiring from active duty in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Flores joined the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) in 2017 as a veterans service representative, helping veterans and their families in the Commonwealth receive benefits and services to which they were entitled; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Flores next served as regional director for the Northern and Eastern regions of DVS, managing more than 15 offices, before becoming the deputy director of benefits, supporting the management and operation of 34 DVS offices throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Flores was promoted to director of policy and planning for DVS in 2020, assuming a role in which she coordinates legislative efforts with various offices and agencies, including the Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Office of the Governor, the Department of Planning and Budget, and the military; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Flores regularly communicates with the Military and Veterans Caucus and other members of the General Assembly to promote legislation that will benefit veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, as director of policy and planning for DVS, Claudia Flores is integral to the development of the agency's legislative proposals and is highly involved in the analysis and evaluation of all state and federal legislation affecting veterans in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Claudia Flores embodies the ideals of both the military and public service and has made a profound and positive impact on the lives of countless veterans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Commander Claudia D. Flores, USN, Ret., hereby be commended for her service with the United States Navy and the Virginia Department of Veterans Services; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Commander Claudia D. Flores, USN, Ret., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for her contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation.

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