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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5090

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*Commending Colonel Yvonne J. Prettyman-Beck.*

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WHEREAS, Colonel Yvonne J. Prettyman-Beck, who has commanded the Norfolk District of the United States Corps of Engineers since 2003, is recognized for her outstanding public service to the citizens of Hampton Roads; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Prettyman-Beck demonstrated decisive leadership less than one month after she took command of the Norfolk District, when Hurricane Isabel caused substantial damage to the Hampton Roads community; and

WHEREAS, during her command, Colonel Prettyman-Beck's major accomplishments in civil works and regulatory projects have been numerous and include the completion of the Great Bridge, the removal of Embrey Dam, a beach nourishment at Buckroe Beach, the Craney Island Eastward Expansion Study, establishment of the Elizabeth River Restoration Trust Fund, ongoing oyster restoration initiatives, and completion of the 50-foot inbound channel of the Hampton Roads Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Prettyman-Beck has overseen environmental clean-up projects at the former Nansemond Ordnance Depot, Buckroe Beach in Hampton, the Avtex site in Front Royal, and other Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS); and

WHEREAS, an experienced and efficient administrator, Colonel Prettyman-Beck also has directed the numerous day-to-day operations and responsibilities of the Norfolk District, which include the Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area; Gathright Dam and Lake Moomaw; the Dismal Swamp and Albemarle and Chesapeake Canals; and major dredging, FUDS, and other regulatory programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Prettyman-Beck has served her country in the United States Army for more than 27 years, serving as the operations officer in the Joint Operations Directorate, Pacific Command, the Pentagon, before beginning her command of the Norfolk District; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Prettyman-Beck was commissioned upon graduation from New Mexico Military Institute in 1979 and graduated from Angelo State University in Texas with a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in management science, as well as national security and strategic studies; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Prettyman-Beck has received many military honors, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, two awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the Army and Joint Staff Identification Badges; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Prettyman-Beck will leave the Norfolk District to become the chief of staff of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Headquarters, in Washington, D.C.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Colonel Yvonne J. Prettyman-Beck for her superb command of the Norfolk District and her commitment to the citizens of Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel Yvonne J. Prettyman-Beck as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for her outstanding public service and best wishes in all of her future endeavors in her new command in the nation's capital.

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