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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5049

Offered June 17, 2014

Commending Donald Nathan Carr.

Patrons—Puller, Barker and Ebbin; Delegates: Albo, Sickles and Surovell

WHEREAS, in June 2014, Donald Nathan Carr, a proud member of the United States Army for more than four decades, retires as the director of public affairs for Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Donald "Don" Carr is a graduate of the Army Advanced Public Affairs Course from the University of South Carolina and completed several other media courses through the United States Army, including courses at the Army Management Staff College and the Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy in Thailand; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 42-year military career, Don Carr served in almost every capacity in the public affairs field, including 21 years as an enlisted journalist and public affairs NCO; he served as the chief of army newspapers, the director of army news operations, and an editor of 11 army command information newspapers and magazines; and

WHEREAS, in addition to working for the Department of the Army, Don Carr also served as public affairs chief for the 2nd Armored Division, United States Army North, and the 172nd Infantry Brigade; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from active-duty service in 1993, Don Carr continued to serve his country through civil service in the United States Army Public Affairs Office; he was named the director of public affairs for Fort Belvoir in February 2001; and

WHEREAS, a respected expert on practical public affairs, Don Carr has authored numerous articles and scholarly papers, which have appeared in both military and civilian publications; and

WHEREAS, Don Carr has shared his knowledge and expertise through workshops on strategic communications, media relations, command information, and community relations; he served as a primary media trainer at Fort Belvoir's Management Staff College and worked with several graduating classes of the Defense Information School; and

WHEREAS, Don Carr plans to spend his well-earned retirement with his wife, Jirapa, and their three children and eight grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Donald Nathan Carr on the occasion of his retirement as director of public affairs for Fort Belvoir; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Donald Nathan Carr as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation.

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