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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 823

Offered August 4, 2021

Commending Colonel Jaime A. Areizaga Soto.

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WHEREAS, in 2021, it was announced that Colonel Jaime A. Areizaga Soto would be promoted to Brigadier General and appointed as Special Assistant to the General Counsel of the National Guard Bureau, becoming the first Latino general officer of the Judge Advocate General's Corps of any of the uniformed services; and

WHEREAS, Jaime A. Areizaga Soto, in his civilian capacity, began serving as Virginia's Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs in 2014 and, when not on military leave, has advised Governors Terence R. McAuliffe and Ralph S. Northam in ensuring Virginia remains the most "military-friendly" state; and

WHEREAS, Jaime A. Areizaga Soto was commissioned in 1991 as a second lieutenant through the Army's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC); and

WHEREAS, Jaime A. Areizaga Soto has had an exemplary career spanning over 24 years and previously served as Commander, National Guard Bureau (NGB), Legal Support Office, District of Columbia National Guard (DCNG), Temple Army Readiness Center (TARC), Arlington, Virginia; Commander, 352nd Judge Advocate Headquarters (TDS) Team, DCNG, Washington, D.C.; Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Forces Headquarters, District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.; Senior Defense Counsel, Legal Assistance Counsel, and Judge Advocate, Joint Forces Headquarters, District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.; and Judge Advocate, Headquarters Detachment, District Area Regional Command, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Jaime A. Areizaga Soto's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (2), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (7); and

WHEREAS, Jaime A. Areizaga Soto holds a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, International Politics: Law & Organization from Georgetown University; a Master of Science in Security and Defense from the Inter-American Defense College; a Master of Science from the National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies of Chile; a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies from Stanford University; and a Juris Doctor from Stanford University; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Colonel Jaime A. Areizaga Soto hereby be commended on his promotion to Brigadier General and appointment as Special Assistant to the General Counsel of the National Guard Bureau; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel Jaime A. Areizaga Soto as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his achievements in service to the United States.

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