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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 707

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3 Commending Colonel Joseph V. Messina, USA.

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6 WHEREAS, Colonel Joseph V. Messina, USA, an honorable and distinguished veteran currently serving
7 as the garrison commander of United States Army Fort Belvoir in Fairfax County, will hand off command of
8 the base on August 8, 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, Joseph Messina enlisted in the United States Army Reserves in 1990 and, after receiving a
10 Green to Gold scholarship and earning a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of
11 Massachusetts, was commissioned in 2000 as an adjutant general officer; and

12 WHEREAS, in addition to graduating from the Command and General Staff College, Joseph Messina has
13 also earned a master's degree in political science from Northeastern University and a master's degree in
14 national security strategy from the National War College; and

15 WHEREAS, over his military career, Joseph Messina's assignments have included platoon leader,
16 executive officer, and detachment commander in Germany with the 38th Personnel Services Battalion,
17 company commander of the Boston Recruiting Company, and battalion commander of the Warrior Transition
18 Battalion at Fort Belvoir; and

19 WHEREAS, Joseph Messina previously deployed as detachment commander and battalion S1 of
20 Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 38th Personnel Services Battalion in 2004 and on a Mobile
21 Training and Transition Team with the 1st Cavalry Division in 2011; and

22 WHEREAS, Joseph Messina has served in a number of leadership roles, including Group S1 for the 7th
23 Special Forces Group, chief of Casualty Investigations within the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations
24 Division of Human Resources Command (HRC), chief of Strategic and Essential Forces within the Readiness
25 Division of the Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate of the HRC, and chief of the Leader
26 Development Division within Senior Leader Development - Colonels Management Office; and

27 WHEREAS, in recognition of his heroism and service, Joseph Messina has been the recipient of
28 numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious
29 Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the
30 Army Achievement Medal, the Airborne Badge, the Combat Action Badge, the Army Staff Identification
31 Badge, and the Recruiter Badge; and

32 WHEREAS, Joseph Messina took command of Fort Belvoir on August 9, 2022, and assumed the
33 responsibility of overseeing a diverse and multifaceted base that supports 150 mission partners across the
34 medical, logistical, research and development, intelligence, acquisition, operations, training, and reserve
35 sectors; and

36 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure at Fort Belvoir, Joseph Messina has exemplified the highest ideals of
37 servant leadership by ensuring the well-being and success of all those under his command; now, therefore, be
38 it

39 RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Colonel Joseph V. Messina, USA, hereby be commended
40 for his accomplishments as garrison commander at United States Army Fort Belvoir; and, be it

41 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for
42 presentation to Colonel Joseph V. Messina, USA, as an expression of the House of Delegates' appreciation
43 for his service and best wishes in his future endeavors.

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