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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 669

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Commending William B. Taylor, Jr.

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WHEREAS, William B. Taylor, Jr., an honorable veteran and military officer and esteemed government official and diplomat, greatly served the nation in various capacities during his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Mount Vernon High School Class of 1965, William Taylor attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, attaining the rank of cadet battalion commander and graduating in the top one percent of his class in 1969; and

WHEREAS, after West Point, William Taylor served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army, including tours of duty with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg and 18 months with the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War; he earned numerous honors for his service, such as the Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star Medal, and Air Medal with a “V” device for valor; and

WHEREAS, following his service, William Taylor earned a master's degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University before joining the U.S. Department of Energy as the director of emergency preparedness planning; and

WHEREAS, William Taylor's subsequent positions in the United States government included legislative assistant to United States Senator Bill Bradley, special deputy defense advisor to the United States Ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and special representative for donor assistance in Kabul, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, from 2006 to 2009, William Taylor served as the United States ambassador to Ukraine, working tirelessly to foster positive and productive relations between the two countries; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, William Taylor returned to Kyiv to serve as the chargé d'affaires at the United States Embassy in Ukraine, providing exceptional leadership while supporting the United States' diplomatic efforts in the region; and

WHEREAS, William Taylor's career and service in the military and government was defined by his unwavering commitment to the United States and the well-being of its citizens, as well as his dedication to promoting security, stability, and good governance around the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That William B. Taylor, Jr., hereby be commended for his legacy of service as a United States military officer, government official, and diplomat; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to William B. Taylor, Jr., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth and the nation.

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