

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 707

Commending Colonel Joseph V. Messina, USA.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, June 28, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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