

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 712

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Colonel David L. Evans, Tennessee Air National Guard, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize members of the armed forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, Colonel David L. Evans is one such outstanding individual who has now retired from duty with the Tennessee Air National Guard after more than twenty-eight years of distinguished, faithful, and dedicated service to the United States and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in faithful service from April 25, 1984, until March 30, 2012, Colonel Evans as the Commander of the 119th Command and Control Squadron, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base since December 9, 2007; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his term of service, Colonel Evans has distinguished himself in numerous ways, overseeing multiple mission conversions, reorganizing squadrons, and redistributing the personnel necessary to maintain the 119th and the Tennessee Air National Guard as an essential strategic resource vital in the command and control of defensive and offensive forces charged with protecting the interests of the United States and its allies;

WHEREAS, a dynamic and forceful leader, Colonel Evans was vigilant in ensuring that the 119th was a unit dedicated to mission success and organizational excellence. His distinctive accomplishments represent the highest ideals of military tradition and reflect great credit upon himself, the Air National Guard, and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, between 2008 and 2010, the 119th earned eleven consecutive "OUTSTANDING" ratings during Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff communications inspections, was awarded three of its four consecutive Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards,

received the 2010 Air National Guard Verne Orr Unit Award, and was twice awarded the National Guard Bureau's Excellence Award for Special Communications as the finest non-traditional communications unit; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Colonel Evans has received the Legion of Merit Medal, the Tennessee Distinguished Service Medal, and the Certificate of Appreciation for Service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America from President Barak Obama; and

WHEREAS, throughout his celebrated military career, Colonel Evans has been most appreciative of the love and support of his beloved wife, Kim, and their sons, Brock, Dereck, Jacob, and Cade; and

WHEREAS, in every way, Colonel Evans has personified the proud traditions of military service and has done so with a true and complete spirit of sacrifice, and he has been a genuine inspiration for those who will follow in his footsteps; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should thank him on behalf of the citizens of this State and this Nation at the culmination of his distinguished career in the service of his country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Colonel David L. Evans on his outstanding career with the Tennessee Air National Guard, praise him for his devotion to his country, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.