

HOUSE RESOLUTION 54

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A RESOLUTION to honor the men and women of the Tennessee National Guard.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is privileged to be served by the men and women of the Tennessee National Guard, who sacrifice their time and effort to ensure the well-being of their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, in the highest tradition of military service in our country, the patriotic men and women of the Tennessee National Guard serve voluntarily in helping their communities and their country in times of need; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is proudly known as the Volunteer State from our history of responding to calls of action in defense of our nation, and the members of the Tennessee National Guard have bravely served in this country and abroad to uphold the principles that have made this country great; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee National Guard has participated in nearly every major war in which America has engaged, from the Battle of King's Mountain to Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee National Guard currently enjoys the able leadership of Tennessee's 76th Adjutant General, Major General Jeffrey H. Holmes, who has rendered more than forty years of distinguished military service to his country; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee National Guard includes over 10,000 members of the Tennessee Army National Guard, which is comprised of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, the 30th Troop Command, the 194th Engineer Brigade, the 230th Sustainment Brigade, the 117th Regional Training Institute, and the Tennessee Recruiting and Retention Battalion; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Air National Guard includes three flying wings, the 118th Wing, the 134th Air Refueling Wing, and the 164th Airlift Wing and two geographically separated units, the 119th Cyber Operations Squadron and the 241st Engineering and Installation Squadron, in the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, if these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, increased public understanding and support are required of the essential role of the Guard in preserving our national security and the well-being of our communities here in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to those of our fellow citizens who have sacrificed careers, left their families, and endured financial hardship to protect us in the face of danger and peril to their lives; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to express their heartfelt thanks to the brave men and women of the Tennessee National Guard; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend the men and women of the Tennessee National Guard for their meritorious service and salute their selfless commitment to their country and the State of Tennessee.

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