

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1240

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Master Sergeant
Brandon J. Bettis of the United States Air Force
on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in paying tribute to those members of the United States military who, throughout their distinguished careers, have served with honor, bravery, and a commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Master Sergeant Brandon J. Bettis of the United States Air Force, who will retire from military service on July 1, 2020, having completed an exemplary twenty-year tenure of proud service to our nation; and

WHEREAS, upon his graduation from Sweetwater High School in 2000, Master Sergeant Brandon Bettis enlisted in the United States Air Force and completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base and aircraft maintenance technical training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas; and

WHEREAS, for his first assignment, Master Sergeant Bettis served as a crew chief on the RC-135 intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance aircraft at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska and deployed overseas in support of a number of operations, including Operation Southern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Inherent Resolve; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Master Sergeant Bettis was selected to serve as a recruiter for the 332nd Recruiting Squadron in Alcoa, overseeing the Air Force recruiting program for Monroe, Blount, and Sevier counties. During this assignment, he enlisted 138 applicants into military service, surpassing his recruiting goals; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Bettis was selected for his third assignment at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska in 2012; he rendered sterling service in a number of capacities,

including directing maintenance on the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft tasked with defending the Alaska NORAD region; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Master Sergeant Brandon Bettis was selected to his fourth and final assignment, this time with the 2nd Maintenance Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, where he oversaw the Crashed, Damaged, or Disabled Aircraft Recovery program for an eighty-square-mile tristate region. He also managed a \$3 million budget to support twenty-eight B-52H aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Bettis is grateful for the love and support of his family, who have served alongside him in his military service, namely his wife of thirteen years, Audra, and his children, Jackston and Olivia; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Master Sergeant Brandon Bettis has served these United States and the State of Tennessee with honor and distinction, and it is wholly fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize him on the occasion of his retirement from military service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Master Sergeant Brandon J. Bettis of the United States Air Force on the occasion of his retirement and extend our gratitude for his many years of selfless service and our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.