

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 322

Commending Colonel Douglas E. Moore, USA, Ret.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 22, 2025

WHEREAS, Colonel Douglas E. Moore, USA, Ret., an honorable and distinguished veteran and resident of Haymarket, demonstrated exemplary courage and valor as a medevac helicopter pilot both during and after the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, born in Arkansas, Douglas Moore joined the United States Army in 1959, attended flight school, and was deployed to Vietnam in both 1964 and 1968; and

WHEREAS, in Vietnam, Douglas Moore served as a medevac pilot, commonly known as a “dustoff” pilot, and was tasked with the great responsibility of retrieving soldiers who had been wounded or killed in combat; and

WHEREAS, during the war, Douglas Moore flew 1,874 combat missions, evacuated 2,782 patients, and recovered three United States soldiers who were prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, throughout these missions, Douglas Moore's helicopter was hit 37 times; on one occasion, he remarkably survived being hit by a bullet that tore through his helmet while he was flying; and

WHEREAS, despite his aviation unit facing a high combat loss rate, Douglas Moore bravely persevered and flew valiantly without concern for his well-being to save the lives of his fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, over his 30-year military career, Douglas Moore served abroad in 43 countries, as well as in the United States, including as an air mission commander during the rescue efforts that followed the eruption of Mount Saint Helens in 1980 and as an executive officer for the United States Army's Surgeon General at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Douglas Moore published the book *A Bullet Through the Helmet: A Vietnam Dustoff Pilot's Memoir*, sharing recollections from his harrowing experiences as a medevac pilot; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his heroism and valor, Douglas Moore received numerous commendations and awards over the years, including the Distinguished Service Cross, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and a Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Moore was inducted into the Dustoff Association's Hall of Fame, the Army Aviation Association of America's Hall of Fame, and the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps Hall of Fame in recognition of his extraordinary dedication to the United States military and his country; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Colonel Douglas E. Moore, USA, Ret., hereby be commended for his legacy of service to the nation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel Douglas E. Moore, USA, Ret., as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's deep respect for his heroism and service.

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