

2009 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 56

Commending Lieutenant General James Judson Lovelace.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 27, 2009

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General James Judson Lovelace is recognized for his outstanding service to the Commonwealth and the nation as an officer of the United States Army for over 39 years; and

WHEREAS, James Judson Lovelace hails from Richmond and graduated from George Wythe High School, earning an appointment to the United States Military Academy; he graduated in 1970, attaining a commission as a second lieutenant and an appointment in the Field Artillery of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Lovelace has guarded freedom's frontiers in Germany and Korea, leading our nation's soldiers with distinction; and

WHEREAS, based on his abilities as a commander of soldiers, James Judson Lovelace was selected for promotion by a board of his superior officers and confirmed by the United States Senate as a Brigadier General in 1995; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a General Officer, Brigadier General Lovelace returned to command American soldiers as the Commanding General of Joint Task Force Six and as the Commanding General United States Army Alaska; and

WHEREAS, upon his nomination and confirmation as a Lieutenant General, James Judson Lovelace served for a year as the Director of the Army Staff; and

WHEREAS Lieutenant General Lovelace was then selected to be the Deputy Chief of Operations for the United States Army, serving for three years, during which time he oversaw the deployments of Army Forces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, the largest deployments since World War II; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Lovelace was then selected to command the United States Army Central, known as "Patton's Own," in which capacity he was responsible for all Army Operations in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, as the Commanding General of ARCENT, Lieutenant General Lovelace has earned the reputation as not only a "soldier's general," but a "soldier's soldier," a caring and dedicated leader concerned about the well-being of every soldier and family member under his command; and

WHEREAS, after 39 years of selfless service, Lieutenant General Lovelace is retiring from the United States Army; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates extend its congratulations to Lieutenant General James Judson Lovelace, United States Army, upon his retirement from the United States Army, for a career well-spent and a life well-lived, defending the nation and the Commonwealth; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lieutenant General James Judson Lovelace, his wife Gail, and his family as an expression of the House of Delegates' gratitude for his outstanding service to his country.

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