

House Resolution 1387

By: Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Burns of the 159th, Hitchens of the 161st, Anulewicz of the 42nd, and Cannon of the 172nd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Major General Tom Carden; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden was appointed by Governor Kemp in January of
3 2019 as the 43rd Adjutant General of the Georgia Department of Defense; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he graduated from Georgia Southwestern State University with a Bachelor of
5 Science in history and later earned a Master of Arts in human resource management from
6 Webster University and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the Army War
7 College; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 1986, he enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard as an infantryman and
9 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in August 1989 after completing officer candidate
10 school; and
- 11 WHEREAS, his military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry
12 Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms Services Staff School, the United States
13 Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College; and

14 WHEREAS, he has held a number of key positions in the Army and Georgia Army National
15 Guard including Deputy Commanding General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's
16 Multi-National Division Southeast (Romania), the Georgia Army National Guard
17 Commanding General, chief of staff, deputy chief of staff for operations, and deputy chief
18 for personnel; and

19 WHEREAS, he commanded the 560th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade and the Georgia
20 Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Battalion and also served as the operations
21 officer for the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment and, in this capacity, he deployed to
22 Bosnia, Herzegovina, as part Operation Joint Forge; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2005, he deployed to Iraq with the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team as
24 part of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

25 WHEREAS, his military decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the
26 Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal,
27 the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal,
28 the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces
29 Reserve Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

30 WHEREAS, in his position as Adjutant General, he is responsible for directing, coordinating,
31 organizing and stationing the Army and Air National Guards of the State of Georgia, the
32 Georgia State Defense Force, and federal and state civilians, ensuring their readiness to
33 perform state and national missions; and

34 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
35 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend Major General Tom Carden and thank
38 him for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Major
41 General Tom Carden.