

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

By Senator Estes

A RESOLUTION recognizing Military Appreciation Day at the Kansas Capitol.

WHEREAS, Today, March 21, 2019, is Military Appreciation Day at the Kansas Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has a proud history of supporting the United States Military since before the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has the honor of being the home to Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley and McConnell Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Fort Leavenworth is home to the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center, whose primary mission is preparing the Army and its leaders for war. At present, this mission is divided between preparing the Army for the Global War on Terrorism and transforming it to meet future threats; and

WHEREAS, Fort Riley is the home of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, known as The Big Red One, which received numerous prestigious military decorations, including, but not limited to, Meritorious Unit Commendations and the Army Superior Unit Award and has received commendations from the countries of France, Belgium, and Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, McConnell Air Force Base is the home to Air Mobility Command's 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing, Air Force Reserves Command's 931<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing and the Kansas Air National Guard's 184<sup>th</sup> Intelligence Wing; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Army and Air National Guard has both a state and federal mission and has served in the nation's conflicts since the state's inception as a territory. As citizen-soldiers and airmen work, they live in their communities and support their communities by responding to tornadoes, floods, blizzards, wildfires and other natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas is honored to be the home of more than 200,000 American

military veterans according to the Housing Assistance Council: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we recognize Military Appreciation Day at the Kansas Capitol; and

*Be it further resolved:* That we declare that the State of Kansas is honored to host our military veterans on this day and to be the home state to so many members and veterans of America's armed forces; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division at Fort Riley, 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, the Adjutant General of the Kansas National Guard and Senator Estes.