

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

A RESOLUTION

To commend Brigadier General Thomas E. Beron upon his retirement from the Louisiana Army National Guard.

WHEREAS, upon the occasion of his retirement from the Louisiana Army National Guard, it is appropriate that a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation and appreciation be expressed to Brigadier General Thomas E. Beron for his remarkable term of military service; and

WHEREAS, General Beron has consistently demonstrated his dedicated spirit and intense determination to serve his country and state with honor and distinction, serving throughout the course of his distinguished career in numerous commands in the active Army and Louisiana Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps from Tulane University as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1984, General Beron's first assignment was to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course, followed by Airborne Training; his first duty assignment was in the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry, 56th Field Artillery Command (Pershing) in Neu Ulm, Germany, where he served as a rifle platoon leader; he then served in the 6th Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, Berlin Brigade, as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Rifle Company Commander; and

WHEREAS, upon his return from Germany, General Beron returned to Fort Benning, attending the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, and he was subsequently assigned as operations officer of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit; he remained at Fort Benning to command E Company, 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry (Mechanized), and while in command, he deployed his company to Saudi Arabia for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, following company command, General Beron was assigned to Washington, D.C., where he completed his service on active duty as the Plans Officer for the Military District of Washington; and

WHEREAS, General Beron is also a graduate of the Ranger School, Jumpmaster Course, Pathfinder Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, and the Command and General Staff College, and has earned a master of arts degree from the University of Virginia, a master of strategic studies from the Army War College, and a juris doctor degree from Tulane Law School; and

WHEREAS, in the Louisiana Army National Guard, General Beron has served as the Commander of the 415th Military Intelligence Battalion (Linguist), Commander of 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment (Mechanized), and Commander of the 61st Troop Command; his final assignment was as the Commander of the Louisiana National Guard's Land Component Command; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of his exceptional career, General Beron has been honored with numerous awards, including Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with one Silver and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait); he was also awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for service in Southwest Asia and earned the Expert Infantryman's Badge during his service in the Berlin Brigade; and

WHEREAS, at his retirement ceremony in May of 2011, General Beron was also awarded the Louisiana Distinguished Service Medal and the Certificate of Appreciation from the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Thomas E. Beron merits the highest commendation and sincere congratulations for his exemplary term of military service and for his outstanding contributions to the United States Army, to the Louisiana Army National Guard, and to his state and nation, whose citizens will long reap the benefits of his wonderful legacy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Brigadier General Thomas E. Beron for his remarkable military career that spans nearly three decades, does hereby express to him upon his retirement enduring appreciation for his many years of distinguished military service, does hereby record for posterity his vital contributions and his tireless dedication to excellence, does hereby extend to him every good wish for continued success and happiness in his future endeavors, and does hereby recognize the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to the state of Louisiana and to the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Brigadier General Thomas E. Beron.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES