

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 643

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor Major Shawn P. Chance, Tennessee National Guard, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a true patriot who has proudly served the United States of America and the State of Tennessee with selfless devotion to duty for more than thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, since beginning his career with the United States Army in September of 1985, Major Shawn P. Chance has epitomized selfless service to his community, State, and country, imparting knowledge imperative to successful decision-making and leadership, while displaying an exceptional ability to excel at every challenge; and

WHEREAS, Major Chance has rendered loyal and astute service by holding numerous assignments with multiple units, including 2/2 Infantry Battalion at Fort Lewis, 300th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital/Combat Support Hospital (MASH/CASH) of Tennessee Army National Guard (TNARNG), culminating in his final position as the operations officer of the 45th Civil Support Team for more than nineteen years; and

WHEREAS, an original member of the team, Major Chance served as both a medic and an analytical laboratory operator; his actions as "plank member" were integral in passing a congressionally mandated inspection that led to the certification of the 45th Civil Support Team as a national asset in response to the threat of weapons of mass destruction; and

WHEREAS, excelling at every challenge, Major Chance was awarded the Expert Field Medical Badge during his time as a field medic; his leadership also led to numerous other accolades attained from external evaluations during his outstanding career with the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, during his deployment in support of Desert Storm/Shield, he worked in a hospital in Wurzburg, Germany, and he adroitly led his team to the successful completion of more than 100 operational missions, including those in service of Hurricane Gustav, Hurricane Irene, Hurricane Katrina, multiple train derailments, numerous fires in the State of Tennessee, presidential visits, major sporting events, and one major ricin incident; and

WHEREAS, Major Chance has always sought out positions of greater responsibility and impact throughout his career and thus held other positions previous to his attainment of operations officer, including medic, medical operations officer, and survey section leader; and

WHEREAS, after more than thirty-six years of long and faithful service in the United States Army, Major Chance is taking his much-deserved retirement from military service on January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure with the Tennessee National Guard, Major Chance has set a standard for effective leadership and personal excellence that we would all do well to emulate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Major Shawn P. Chance, Tennessee National Guard, for his meritorious service with the 45th Civil Support Team and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness during his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.