

HOUSE RESOLUTION 155

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A RESOLUTION to honor Master Sergeant Robert D. Davis, Jr., United States Air Force, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, the Volunteer State is proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in the United States Armed Forces, and their distinguished military service should be properly honored; and

WHEREAS, a native of Athens, Robert D. Davis, Jr., entered the United States Air Force's Delayed Entry Program in June 1982; and

WHEREAS, while serving at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, South Carolina, Mr. Davis was selected as a deployable asset within the 36th Mobility Section, providing logistical and supply support during deployments, and was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal for his flawless performance; and

WHEREAS, while stationed at Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, Master Sergeant (MSGT) Davis developed computer programs and extensive work order residue that saved the Air Force thousands of dollars and received an Air Force Commendation Medal; and

WHEREAS, in December 1990, he was deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, where he was responsible for providing support to the 4th Fighter Wing phase team; during this period, Master Sergeant Davis received Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter awards from the 4th Supply Squadron and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Air Force Recruiting School, MSGT Davis began his recruiting service career in November 1994 in Maryville, earning three prestigious Senior Recruiter Badges during this period for sustained superior performance; he was also selected

as Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the 332nd Recruiting Squadron in 1996 and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Second Oak Leaf Cluster; and

WHEREAS, in November 1997, Master Sergeant Davis began his tenure as an Air Force Health Professions recruiter; during this time, he excelled by producing 200 percent of his squadron's physician goal and seventy-five percent of the Health Professions Scholarship Program accessions in 1999 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, MSGT Davis placed ten percent of James Quillen Medical School first-year students under scholarship in fiscal year 2000, and he earned his fourth Senior Recruiter Badge and the Commanders Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, he was the only officer accessions recruiter in the nation to win the coveted Blue Suit XXII and also won distinction as the Air Force Recruiting Service Top Officer Accessions Recruiter in fiscal year 2000; Sergeant Davis also won the 332nd Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award, received the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Top Officer Recruiter Award in fiscal year 2000, and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his superior accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) Liaison in Knoxville, Sergeant Davis used his sales skills and leadership to propel Knoxville MEPS to recognition as the Top Military Entrance Processing Station in the 367th Recruiting Group in fiscal years 2001 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, from January 2004 to August 2005, Master Sergeant Davis served as the 336th Recruiting Squadron "I" Flight Chief and took his flight from eighty-seven percent to a respectable 127 percent by the end of fiscal year 2004; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned awards, Sergeant Davis's military decorations and awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star,

Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, after completing his recruiting assignment, MSGT Davis began his illustrious career as an Air Force Junior ROTC aerospace instructor at Austin East High School, serving there from October 2005 to January 2009; and

WHEREAS, since August 2010, MSGT Davis has served with distinction as an AFJROTC aerospace instructor at Heritage High School; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Master Sergeant Davis is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Amy R. Smith, and their three children, Dustin Davis, USAF Major James Davis, and Robert Davis III; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Davis, Jr., is taking a much-deserved retirement on May 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude, it is most appropriate that we should honor Master Sergeant Robert D. Davis, Jr., to the full extent of our ability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Master Sergeant Robert D. Davis, Jr., United States Air Force, on the occasion of his retirement, thank him for his long and distinguished service to his country, salute his positive influence on his students as an aerospace instructor, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.