

No. R-468. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont Assistant Adjutant General-Army, Brigadier General Michael T. Heston for his outstanding military and law enforcement leadership.

(H.C.R.394)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Michael Heston graduated from Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island, as an administration of justice major, and

Whereas, his military career odyssey began as a U.S. Marine Corps enlistee, and in 1990, he completed the Vermont Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School, being commissioned as a second lieutenant, and

Whereas, his command assignments began in Morrisville as an Armor Platoon Leader and focused, in large measure, on law enforcement, complementing his civilian role as a member of the Vermont State Police, and

Whereas, as a commander and senior tactical officer assigned to the Vermont Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School, he trained 36 students, 12 of whom were later deployed abroad as part of the Global War on Terrorism, and

Whereas, in May 2003, then Major Michael Heston was deployed on the first of three extended assignments to Afghanistan; and twice more in 2006, as a lieutenant colonel, and in 2011, during a deployment that included his promotion to colonel, he returned to that country, each time serving as a military law enforcement advisor or commander, and

Whereas, between his second and third deployments to Afghanistan, Lieutenant Colonel Heston attended the U.S. Navy College of Naval Warfare in Newport, Rhode Island, earning a master's degree in national security and strategic studies, and

Whereas, in June 2013, Colonel Michael Heston was named the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General of the Vermont Army National Guard; in September 2014 he was named Assistant Adjutant General; and in December 2014 he was deservedly promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, and

Whereas, Brigadier General Michael Heston is the recipient of numerous military honors; has completed a distinguished parallel civilian career in the Vermont State Police, reaching the rank of senior staff sergeant; and is now concluding his exemplary leadership career in the Vermont Army National Guard, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont Assistant Adjutant General-Army, Brigadier General Michael T. Heston for his outstanding military and law enforcement leadership, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Assistant Adjutant General-Army, Brigadier General Michael T. Heston.