



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 278

By Senator Tracy

and

Representative Carr

A RESOLUTION to honor Colonel Jeffrey H. Holmes on his appointment as Commander of 194th Engineer Brigade, Tennessee Army National Guard.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize members of the armed forces who have established distinguished records during their military careers and who have demonstrated great courage and competence in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated individual is Colonel Jeffrey H. Holmes, who was recently appointed by Major General Terry Haston, Adjutant General of the Tennessee Army National Guard, and Governor Bill Haslam as the Commander of the 194th Engineer Brigade; and

WHEREAS, an architect by trade, Col. Holmes previously commanded the Tennessee Army National Guard's 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment and completed his second tour of duty in Iraq in the Fall of 2010; and

WHEREAS, Col. Holmes is an experienced combat commander with more than thirty-two years of military experience. He enlisted in the Tennessee National Guard in 1979 and served for four years as an armor crewman in the 3rd of the 109th Armor Battalion before receiving a commission from the Tennessee Military Academy in 1984; and

WHEREAS, his military education includes completion of the Armor Officer Basic Course and the Armor Advanced Course at Fort Knox, the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and he is a 2008 graduate of the Army War College in Carlisle Banks, Pennsylvania, from which he earned a Master's degree in Strategic Studies; and

WHEREAS, Col. Holmes is also a 1985 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, from which he earned a Bachelor's degree in Architecture; and

WHEREAS, a firm believer in the importance of civic involvement, Col. Jeffrey Holmes has dedicated his time and energies to a number of organizations, including serving as a member of the University of Tennessee School of Architecture board of advisors, as a founding board member of Leadership Middle Tennessee, as a past president of the National Guard Association and as a lifetime member of the United States Armor Association; and

WHEREAS, honorably answering the call of duty, Col. Holmes deployed to Iraq in 2004, and rendered sterling service as the Commander of 3rd Squadron, 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operation Iraqi Freedom and again as the Ninth Colonel of the Regiment in 2010; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Col. Holmes is the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal, numerous Army Commendation Medals, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with two Service Stars, and the Combat Action Badge. In recognition of his assumption of command of the 194th Engineer Brigade, he will be promoted to Brigadier General; and

WHEREAS, Col. Holmes is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Rhonda, and their three children, Second Lieutenant Hulon Holmes, Leah Holmes and Brice Holmes; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable military career, Col. Holmes has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his superiors, his peers and those under his command; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Colonel Jeffrey H. Holmes upon his appointment as Commander of the 194th Engineer Brigade, Tennessee Army National Guard, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

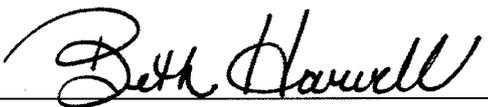
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 4, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 16th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR