

By Senator Baker

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the outstanding lifetime service of Major General Douglas Burnett, Adjutant General of Florida.

WHEREAS, Major General Douglas Burnett began his military career in 1963, when he enlisted in the Florida Air National Guard shortly after graduating from high school in Jacksonville, and

WHEREAS, following basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, in Texas, Major General Douglas Burnett attended the United States Air Force Electronics School at Keesler Air Force Base, in Mississippi, and

WHEREAS, in 1969 Major General Douglas Burnett received a direct commission and attended undergraduate pilot training at Randolph Air Force Base, in Texas, and

WHEREAS, Major General Douglas Burnett earned his wings in June 1970 and, after completing F-102 training, was assigned as a full-time Alert Pilot in the NORAD mission in the 125th Fighter Group, and

WHEREAS, Major General Douglas Burnett was dual-qualified in both military fighter and transport aircraft in addition to flying commercially with Pan American World Airways and United Airlines, accumulating over 20,000 flying hours in the T-33, F-102, F-106, C-26, C-130H, C-131, C-54, Boeing 727, and McDonnell-Douglas DC-10, and

WHEREAS, Major General Douglas Burnett received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi and is a graduate of the Command and

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30 General Staff College and the Air War College, and

31 WHEREAS, Major General Douglas Burnett's military
32 decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service
33 Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation
34 Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Combat Readiness
35 Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Florida Cross, the Florida
36 Distinguished Service Medal, and the Florida Commendation Medal,
37 and

38 WHEREAS, Major General Douglas Burnett currently serves as
39 Adjutant General of Florida and is a member of the Department of
40 Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board, is actively involved with
41 the National Guard Association of the United States, having
42 served two terms on the executive council, and is a past
43 president of the National Guard Officers Association of Florida,
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45 WHEREAS, Major General Douglas Burnett will be retiring as
46 a two-star general on June 27, 2010, after 47 years of service,
47 the longest serving officer in the history of the United States
48 Air Force, NOW, THEREFORE,

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50 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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52 That the members of the Senate congratulate Major General
53 Douglas Burnett on his outstanding service to this state and
54 this nation and express appreciation to him for his great
55 sacrifice in protecting the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
57 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Major General
58 Douglas Burnett as a tangible token of the sentiments of the

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59 Florida Senate.