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## House Resolution

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2 A resolution honoring Major General Emmett R. Titshaw,  
3 Jr., Adjutant General of Florida, for his  
4 distinguished career of military service.  
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6 WHEREAS, a Jacksonville native, Major General Emmett R.  
7 Titshaw, Jr., enlisted in the Florida Air National Guard  
8 following his graduation from Auburn University in 1970,  
9 received a direct commission that same year, received the  
10 Distinguished Graduate Award at Undergraduate Pilot Training,  
11 and was assigned as a Squadron Fighter Pilot in the 159th  
12 Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Jacksonville, and

13 WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw served in several  
14 assignments with the 125th Fighter Interceptor Group, later  
15 designated the 125th Fighter Wing, including Air Operations  
16 Officer, Fighter Squadron Commander, Deputy Commander of  
17 Operations, and Commander, and

18 WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw served as Director of  
19 Operations and Chief of Staff of the Florida Air National Guard  
20 Headquarters, Battle Commander of the Combined Air Operations  
21 Center for the Continental North American Aerospace Defense  
22 Region, Deputy Commander of the Florida National Guard Joint  
23 Force Headquarters, Commander of the Joint Task Force Florida  
24 for Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, National Guard Advisor to the  
25 United States Air Force Chief of Staff, and Acting Director of  
26 the Air National Guard, and

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27 WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw is a member of the board of  
28 directors of the National Guard Association of the United  
29 States, serves as committee chair for the Air National Guard  
30 Force Structure and Modernization Committee of the Adjutants  
31 General Association of the United States, and is a former voting  
32 member of the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee, and

33 WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw serves on the General  
34 Officer Advisory Councils for Counterdrug, the Cyber and Youth  
35 Challenge, and the Florida Defense Support Task Force, and

36 WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw flew more than 4,500 hours  
37 in military aircraft, including the F-102, F-106, F-16, and F-  
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39 WHEREAS, many distinguished decorations were earned by  
40 Major General Titshaw, including the Air Force Distinguished  
41 Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air  
42 Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force  
43 Outstanding Unit Award, Florida Cross, Florida Distinguished  
44 Service Medal, and Florida Meritorious Service Medal, and

45 WHEREAS, Major General Titshaw assumed the duties of  
46 Adjutant General of Florida on June 26, 2010, and has  
47 contributed immeasurably to the readiness and well-being of the  
48 Florida National Guard, and

49 WHEREAS, Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., will end his  
50 distinguished 45-year career on March 29, 2015, NOW, THEREFORE,  
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52 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
53 | Florida:

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55 |       That, on behalf of a very grateful state, Major General  
56 | Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., is honored and extended heartfelt  
57 | gratitude for his many sacrifices in protecting the freedoms  
58 | enjoyed by all Americans and congratulated on his retirement  
59 | from military service.

60 |       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
61 | presented to Major General Emmett R. Titshaw, Jr., as a tangible  
62 | token of the sentiments expressed herein.