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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing Major General James O. Eifert, the Adjutant General of Florida, on the occasion of his retirement on April 22, 2023.

WHEREAS, in 1982, following his graduation and commissioning from the United States Air Force Academy, Major General James O. Eifert began his active duty military career as a fighter jet pilot, a position he would hold for 13 years, and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Major General Eifert joined the Florida Air National Guard as an F-15 Weapons and Tactics Officer, and since then he has held numerous positions including Commander of the 125th Operations Group, Vice Commander and Commander of the 125th Fighter Wing, Assistant Adjutant General-Air, and Commander of the Florida Air National Guard, and

WHEREAS, Major General Eifert served as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, and

WHEREAS, as the chair of both the Air Dominance Weapons Systems Council and the National Strategic Planning System Force Structure Committee, Major General Eifert worked F-15/F-22 issues and concerns nationwide and advised the Deputy Director of the Air National Guard on roles and missions, respectively, and

WHEREAS, Major General Eifert also served on the National Guard Counterdrug Program General Officer Advisory Council, on

26 | the Air National Guard Strategic Planning System as a TAG Senior  
 27 | Advisor, and on the Florida Defense Support Task Force as the  
 28 | Governor's representative, and

29 |       WHEREAS, over the course of his prominent military career,  
 30 | Major General Eifert has flown more than 3,800 hours, including  
 31 | 63 combat hours, and has received numerous awards and  
 32 | decorations, including the Air Force Distinguished Service  
 33 | Medal, Legion of Merit, and Meritorious Service Medal with three  
 34 | oak leaf clusters, among numerous others, and

35 |       WHEREAS, during his tenure as the Adjutant General of  
 36 | Florida, Major General Eifert provided exemplary guidance and  
 37 | leadership during two major hurricanes, several lesser  
 38 | hurricanes and natural disasters, and an unprecedented response  
 39 | to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

40 |       WHEREAS, through his tireless energy and commitment, Major  
 41 | General Eifert contributed immeasurably to the readiness and  
 42 | well-being of members of the Air National Guard and the  
 43 | Department of Military Affairs, and

44 |       WHEREAS, Major General Eifert will retire from his  
 45 | distinguished military career on April 22, 2023, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 47 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
 48 | Florida:

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50           That Major General James O. Eifert, the Adjutant General of  
51 Florida, is recognized for his outstanding and notable military  
52 service to the state and nation, as well as his great sacrifice  
53 in protecting the freedoms enjoyed by all American citizens, and  
54 congratulated on the occasion of his retirement on April 22,  
55 2023.

56           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be  
57 presented to Major General James O. Eifert as a tangible token  
58 of the sentiments expressed herein.