

By Senator Collins

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing and honoring the accomplishments and contributions to this state and to the nation of United States Army General Bryan P. Fenton, 13th Commander of the United States Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.

WHEREAS, U.S. Army General Bryan P. Fenton currently serves as the 13th Commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, and oversees all Special Operations for the U.S. Department of Defense, and

WHEREAS, before assuming command of USSOCOM in August 2022, General Fenton served as Commander of the Joint Special Operations Command headquartered at Fort Liberty, North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, General Fenton's other general officer assignments have included Senior Military Assistant for two U.S. Secretaries of Defense; Deputy Commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; Commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command – Pacific; and Deputy Commanding General – Operations, 25th Infantry Division, and

WHEREAS, General Fenton's key Army and Special Operations assignments have included Director of Operations at the Joint Special Operations Command; Brigade, Battalion, and Squadron Command; multiple overseas Task Force Commands; and assignments as a Detachment Commander and Operations Officer in 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), and

WHEREAS, General Fenton's deployments have included

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participating in Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan/Africa, Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, and Operation Pacific Eagle in the Philippines, and

WHEREAS, General Fenton's military training includes the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Special Forces Qualifications Course, the U.S. Army Ranger School, Special Forces Language training in Spanish, Special Forces Military Free Fall training, and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape courses, and

WHEREAS, General Fenton holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (Marketing) from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's Degree from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and was the 2009 Army Fellow at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS, General Fenton's awards include the Cruz de la Victoria Medal from Chile, the Thai Jumpmaster Wings awarded by the Princess of Thailand, Notre Dame's Moose Krause Service Award and its Rev. William Corby Award for Distinguished Military Service, and the Eisenhower Award from the Business Executives for National Security organization, and

WHEREAS, in 2024, General Fenton worked with federal officials in this state to assist in recovery from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the accomplishments and contributions to this state and to the nation of United States Army General Bryan P. Fenton,

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59 13th Commander of the United States Special Operations Command
60 at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, are recognized and honored.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with
62 the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to General Bryan P.
63 Fenton as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida
64 Senate.