

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY SENATOR REESE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends David W. Gardner on the occasion of his promotion to Major General of the United States Army.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend David W. Gardner on the occasion of his recent promotion to the rank of
3 Major General of the United States Army.

4 WHEREAS, Major General (MG) David W. Gardner is the commander of Fort
5 Johnson and its Joint Readiness Training Center in Vernon Parish, Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point,
7 New York, in 1994; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to 1998, MG Gardner served as an Infantry Platoon Leader,
9 Mortar Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company Executive Officer, and Battalion Logistics
10 Officer in the 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment in the 82nd Airborne
11 Division; and

12 WHEREAS, upon graduation from the Field Artillery Advanced Course, he was
13 assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment in the 3rd Infantry Division
14 (Mechanized) where he commanded in Kosovo and in the invasion of Iraq; and

15 WHEREAS, beginning in 2008, MG Gardner served as a Battalion Executive
16 Officer, Brigade Operations Officer, and Brigade Executive Officer in the 504th Parachute
17 Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, before assuming command of the 2nd Battalion,
18 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment; and

1 WHEREAS, he deployed that battalion to Afghanistan in 2012, under the 1st Infantry
2 Division in Regional Command-East; and

3 WHEREAS, MG Gardner subsequently commanded the 2nd Armored Brigade
4 Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, from 2016 to 2018, and deployed with that command
5 to Europe in support of Atlantic Resolve; and

6 WHEREAS, after commanding the Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training
7 Center from 2018 to 2020 located at Fort Polk (now known as Fort Johnson), Louisiana, MG
8 Gardner was then assigned as the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Operational Test
9 Command located at Fort Hood, Texas, until the summer of 2022; and

10 WHEREAS, MG Gardner's non-troop assignments include: Strategist on the Army
11 Staff; Division Future Operations Lead Planner; Military Assistant to the Commander,
12 International Security and Assistance Force/US Forces, Afghanistan; and, Instructor at the
13 School of Advanced Military Studies; and

14 WHEREAS, MG Gardner holds a bachelor's degree in Physics and masters degrees
15 from Harvard University, National Defense University, and the U.S. Army Command and
16 General Staff College; and

17 WHEREAS, MG Gardner's awards and decorations include the Afghanistan and Iraq
18 Campaign Medals (with six Campaign Stars), Kosovo Campaign Medal, Combat and Expert
19 Infantryman Badges, Ranger Tab, and Master Parachutist Badge; and

20 WHEREAS, he was recently promoted from Brigadier General (one star) to the rank
21 of Major General (two stars) effective on March 3, 2024; and

22 WHEREAS, the rank of Major General is the third highest rank an Army soldier can
23 attain in peacetime; and

24 WHEREAS, MG Gardner's promotion and lifetime of distinguished service to the
25 United States of America, the United States Army, and the state of Louisiana merits
26 recognition, respect, and gratitude of a grateful nation, the citizens of Louisiana, and the
27 Louisiana Senate.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
29 does hereby commend and congratulate David W. Gardner for his recent promotion from
30 Brigadier General to the rank of Major General of the United States Army.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 Major General David W. Gardner.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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