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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY REPRESENTATIVES CROMER AND ARMES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Lieutenant General Michael D. Barbero for his honorable thirty-seven year career of service to the United States Army.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Michael Barbero is a 1976 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point; and

WHEREAS, he also holds a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the National Defense University of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, he is a graduate of the United States Army's Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies Program; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Barbero has served in a variety of tactical assignments in mechanized, light, and air assault infantry units; and

WHEREAS, he has served in the First Cavalry Division, the Second Infantry Division, the Fourth Infantry Division, the Seventh Infantry Division, and the Tenth Mountain Division; and

WHEREAS, he has served two tours in the One Hundred First Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, he has admirably commanded at every grade, from lieutenant colonel to lieutenant general; and

WHEREAS, as a brigadier general, Lieutenant General Michael Barbero has expertly commanded Louisiana's Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk from April 2004 to June 2006; and

WHEREAS, under Lieutenant General Barbero's wise leadership, the Joint Readiness Training Center, located in Louisiana, has become the world's premier power projection platform to prepare this great nation's soldiers for their rapid deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, many brave troops who have trained under Lieutenant General Barbero's direction have gone on to defend the United States of America and her allies in the war against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, as a major general, he commanded the United States Army Infantry Center in Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he commanded the Multi-National Security Transition Command in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, he also commanded the NATO Training Mission in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Barbero's other staff assignments include service as the executive assistant to the commander of the Joint Forces Command and Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, he currently serves as the Director of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Barbero has been the deserving recipient of numerous awards and decorations, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Barbero has also earned the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, the Ranger Tab, Australian Jump Wings, and both the Army Staff and Joint Staff Identification Badges; and

WHEREAS, he has provided outstanding leadership to both his peers and subordinates throughout his thirty-seven years of service; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Barbero merits the highest commendation and sincere congratulations for his exemplary term of military service and for his outstanding contributions to the United States Army, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Lieutenant General Michael D. Barbero for his honorable thirty-seven year career of serving our country in the United States Army.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Lieutenant General Michael D. Barbero and his wife, Mrs. Linda Barbero, as honorary citizens of the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Lieutenant General Barbero.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE