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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY REPRESENTATIVES ARMES, DANAHAY, FRANKLIN, GEYMANN, GUINN, HENSGENS, HILL, HOWARD, AND KLECKLEY AND SENATORS JOHNS, LAFLEUR, MORRISH, AND JOHN SMITH

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Brigadier General William B. Hickman and welcomes him to the capitol

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Brigadier General William B. Hickman upon his appointment as the new
3	commander of the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk and to welcome him
4	to the capitol.
5	WHEREAS, General Hickman brings a wealth of experience in both collective
6	training and combat leadership and it is appropriate to recognize and record for posterity his
7	contributions to the armed services and to his country; and
8	WHEREAS, General Hickman graduated from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor
9	of science degree in business administration, a master of business administration degree
10	from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University, and a master's
11	degree in national security and strategic studies from the United States Naval War College;
12	and
13	WHEREAS, General Hickman was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the
14	United States Army in 1983; and
15	WHEREAS, General Hickman's previous command assignments include command
16	of B Company, 3d Battalion, 325th Infantry (Airborne Battalion Combat Team), United
17	States Army Southern European Task Force; command of 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry
18	Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from 2001 to 2003 during the initial
19	operation in Iraq; and command of 2d Brigade Combat Team (Strike Brigade), 101st

1	Airborne Division (Air Assault) from 2006-2008 during their deployment to Baghdad, Iraq;
2	and
3	WHEREAS, General Hickman served as the Deputy Commander (Operations) for
4	the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from August 2011, to July 2012, and most recently
5	as the Deputy Commanding General (Support) from July 2012, to November 2012, a role
6	in which he traveled, on numerous occasions, to prepare soldiers for deployment; and
7	WHEREAS, General Hickman's most recent key staff assignment was as the Military
8	Assistant to the Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Afghanistan; and
9	WHEREAS, other key assignments for General Hickman included Executive Office
10	of the Commander, United States Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida;
11	Director of Operations (J-3) for the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq;
12	Assistant to the Chief of Staff, G-3/Director of Plans, Training, and Mobilization for the
13	101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operation Iraqi Freedom; S-3 and Executive
14	Officer of 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment, Senior Liaison Officer and other
15	assignments with Headquarters, 75th Ranger Regiment; and Senior Project Officer at the
16	Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia; and
17	WHEREAS, General Hickman has been recognized many times throughout his
18	career for his courageous leadership and has received many awards, including the Defense
19	Superior Service Medal (10LC), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (30LC), Defense
20	Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC), Joint Service
21	Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), Army Achievement Medal
22	(3OLC), Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air
23	Assault Badge, and Ranger Tab; and
24	WHEREAS, in his new role at Fort Polk, General Hickman will have some of the
25	highest priority missions in the Army, including training brigade combat teams for
26	Afghanistan, training advisors for Afghanistan, and the Defense, Chemical, Biological,
27	Radiological, and Nuclear Response Force missions; and
28	WHEREAS, General Hickman is described by his colleagues as a proven leader of
29	immense capability and worthy of the increased responsibility that comes with his position
30	as commander of the Joint Readiness Training Center; and

1 WHEREAS, over the span of his twenty-nine year career in the United States Army, 2 General Hickman has earned a reputation as an outstanding soldier, a superb leader, and a 3 courageous warrior; and 4 WHEREAS, the valiant actions of General Hickman uphold the highest traditions of 5 the United States Armed Forces, and he brings tremendous honor and pride to his family and 6 friends, Fort Polk, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 8 commend Brigadier General William B. Hickman upon his selection as commander of the 9 Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, does hereby record for posterity his many 10 contributions to the United States Army, does hereby express appreciation for his superior 11 leadership, and does hereby extend to him best wishes for success and prosperity in his new 12 role as commander. 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana welcomes General 14 Hickman to the state capitol on the occasion of his historic visit to the legislature.

DIGEST

to Brigadier General William B. Hickman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

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