



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 (1OLC), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (3OLC), 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.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
16 to Brigadier General William B. Hickman.

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DIGEST

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Commends Brigadier General William B. Hickman upon his appointment as the new commander of the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk and welcomes him to the capitol.