

House Resolution No. 1544

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably answered the call to patriotic national service through their participation in the Missouri National Guard; and

Whereas, Roger E. Combs of King City has attained considerable distinction since joining the Missouri Army National Guard in 1973 and then transferring to the Missouri Air National Guard in 1978; and

Whereas, on March 15, 2004, General Roger Combs was promoted to Major General during a ceremony which was conducted at the Missouri Air National Guard base at Rosecrans Field in Saint Joseph by Brigadier General Dennis Shull with assistance from Gloria Combs, who pinned an additional star to the epaulet of her beloved husband; and

Whereas, General Roger Combs is a veteran of more than five hundred combat missions as a United States Marine helicopter pilot in Vietnam who earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Meritorious Service Medal, two Single Mission Air Medals, thirty-seven Strike/Flight Awards, an Air Force Commendation Medal, a Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", and a National Guard Association of the United States Distinguished Service Medal; and

Whereas, a pilot of CH-46 and UH-1 helicopters, General Roger Combs was Director of Intelligence for the 139th Tactical Airlift Group in Saint Joseph and Assistant Adjutant General/Air at Headquarters of the Missouri Air National Guard before receiving assignment as Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5) for the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, General Roger Combs in civilian life is Associate Circuit Judge for Gentry County in Missouri's 4th Judicial Circuit and active in community, civic, and church affairs; and

Whereas, General Roger Combs also is justifiably proud of his respected status as a family man who is the father of David, Matthew, and Susan:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Major General Roger Combs and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon his most recent promotion in rank and our sincerest best wishes as he takes on the duties and responsibilities of Director of Strategic Plans and Policy for the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C.; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Major General Roger E. Combs of King City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative James O. Guest
District No. 5

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1544, adopted April 6, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker