

## Senate Resolution 5

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Dugan of the 30th, Harbison of the 15th, Hill of the 6th and Rhett of the 33rd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Brigadier General Michael Edward McGuinn III on the  
2 occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Michael Edward McGuinn III has served with honor and  
4 distinction with the Georgia State Defense Force, retiring as the Commanding General after  
5 21 years; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout his long military career, this dedicated soldier and commander  
7 exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous  
8 attention to detail in all of his duties; and

9 WHEREAS, born and raised in Spartanburg, South Carolina, he was drafted at age 18 to  
10 serve in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific theater and continued to  
11 serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army,  
12 valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Korean War and the  
13 Vietnam War; and

14 WHEREAS, after retiring from the United States Army as a Colonel, he began serving in  
15 Georgia state government under Governor Jimmy Carter as the state emergency fuel  
16 allocation officer during the Arab oil embargo, as assistant commissioner of corrections for  
17 the overhaul of the state's prison industries program, and under succeeding governors, as  
18 deputy commissioner of the newly created Department of Community Affairs; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1986, Brigadier General Michael Edward McGuinn III joined the newly  
20 established Georgia State Defense Force, where his dedication to its purpose and potential  
21 continue to set the standard for public service; and

22 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of the United  
23 States armed forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings  
24 of liberty for this nation and other peoples of the world; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
26 remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
28 recognize and commend Brigadier General Michael Edward McGuinn III for the care,  
29 courage, and selfless dedication he exhibited in carrying out the difficult duties of his  
30 vocation; congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most  
31 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Brigadier General  
34 Michael Edward McGuinn III.