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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 120

Offered January 31, 2014

Commending Major General Daniel E. Long, Jr.

Patrons—Reeves, Black and Cosgrove

WHEREAS, Major General Daniel E. Long, Jr., adjutant general of Virginia, has proudly served the nation and the Commonwealth for 50 years as a member of the Virginia National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long enlisted in the Virginia National Guard in February 1964, advanced to the rank of sergeant, and then graduated from the United States Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, with a commission as a second lieutenant in September 1967; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long served as a platoon leader, company executive officer, staff officer, and company commander in the 276th Engineer Battalion from June 1967 to April 1983; commanded the 229th Engineer Battalion from August 1985 to April 1990; and commanded the 2nd Brigade, 29th Infantry Division from April 1995 to September 1996; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long completed U.S. Army Ranger School in December 1992, earning the Ranger Tab at the age of 46; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long commanded the 29th Infantry Division from August 2002 to September 2004, having previously served as the Chief of Staff and Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver for the 29th Infantry Division and as Deputy Commander of the Stabilization Force of the Multi-National Division North Bosnia, from September 2001 to April 2002; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long served as the Deputy Director of the Department of Defense Project and Contracting Office in Baghdad, Iraq, from September 2004 to March 2005; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long commanded Task Force Katrina from September 2005 to December 2005; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long served as the senior military officer and economic development and infrastructure lead for the Iraq and Afghanistan Working Group for the Department of Defense and the Department of State from December 2005 to August 2006; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long served as Special Assistant to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau on Infrastructure Development/Southwest Border from August 2006 to July 2007; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long commanded the Northern Command's Joint Task Force Civil Support at Fort Monroe from July 2007 to July 2010; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long assumed the duties of Adjutant General of Virginia on July 14, 2010, and as the Adjutant General is responsible for the combat readiness, administration, and training of more than 8,600 Virginia Army and Air National Guard personnel, as well as the readiness of more than 1,000 members of the Virginia Defense Force; and

WHEREAS, Major General Long fostered a culture of excellence within the Virginia National Guard, making sure it anticipated the demands of both state and federal missions in order to be able to rapidly respond when needed to aid the citizens of the Commonwealth and defend the ideals of freedom anywhere in the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Major General Daniel E. Long, Jr., for 50 years of distinguished military service to Commonwealth and country; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Major General Daniel E. Long, Jr. as an expression of the General Assembly's respect and admiration for his tireless service to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth and the nation.

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