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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 334

Offered January 29, 2021

Commending Major Wayne R. Lee, USA, Ret.

Patrons—Reeves, Bell, Boysko, Cosgrove, DeSteph, Hashmi, Howell, Ruff, Stanley and Vogel;
Delegates: Adams, D.M., Avoli, Byron, Cole, M.L., Coyner, Davis, Delaney, Fowler, Freitas, Helmer,
Heretick, Hope, Mundon King, Orrock, Rasoul, Reid, Simonds, Ware, Webert and Wyatt

WHEREAS, Major Wayne R. Lee, USA, Ret., served the Commonwealth and the nation as a member of the United States Navy and the United States Army for 24 years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Richmond, Wayne Lee enlisted in the United States Navy in 1987 and served aboard the USS *Ponce*, with two deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, where he participated in Operation Sharp Edge to rescue United States citizens from Liberia and where he was serving at the outset of Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Lee continued to serve in the United States Navy Reserve while he attended the University of Virginia, worked in the private sector, and inspired young people as a middle school teacher in Petersburg; in 2003, he deployed to Kuwait to help offload ships in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Lee subsequently attended United States Army Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps in 2005; he was assigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia, as a platoon leader and company executive officer of the 135th Quartermaster Company, 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 3rd Sustainment Bridge; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Lee then served as a logistics advisor to members of the Iraqi Police in Baghdad, Iraq, becoming well versed in the Arabic language and local culture; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Lee became the commanding officer of Echo Company, 703rd Bridge Support Battalion, and deployed to Iraq multiple times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn over the course of 29 months; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Lee mentored fellow officers at the Army Logistics University at Fort Lee and was an instructor for the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course; he transferred to the Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM), also at Fort Lee, and served as a planning team leader for bulk petroleum and water logistics during combat operations; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Lee's leadership at CASCOM spurred the development of important strategies to mitigate petroleum and water shortfalls and extend the operational reach of units in combat; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Lee had most recently served a one-year tour in combat in Afghanistan as the executive officer and support operations officer for Area Support Group-Afghanistan, handling base life support and general sustainment for nine combat outposts throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, among many awards and decorations, Wayne Lee has received two Bronze Star Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and

WHEREAS, after his well-earned retirement, Wayne Lee plans to continue living in the Richmond area with his beloved family and seek new opportunities to serve the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Major Wayne R. Lee, USA, Ret., on the occasion of his retirement from the military; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Major Wayne R. Lee, USA, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his decades of service to the Commonwealth and the United States.

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