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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 796

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending Lieutenant General Joseph R. Inge, USA, Ret.

Patrons—Batten and Wright; Senators: Norment and Ruff

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Joseph R. Inge, USA, Ret., is an honorable and distinguished veteran who contributed to the safety and security of the nation as deputy commander of the United States Northern Command and in other high-ranking posts; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mecklenburg County, Joseph Inge earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1969, where he was also commissioned as a second lieutenant of armor with the school's Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Inge later honed his abilities as a military leader by earning a master's degree in personnel management and administration from Central Michigan University, while also getting a military education through armor basic and advanced courses and at the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the United States Army War College; and

WHEREAS, between 1970 and 1975, Joseph Inge served in the United States Army as a company commander in the 33rd Armor Regiment of the 3rd Armored Division in Germany and in the 73rd Armor Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; and

WHEREAS, after a series of transfers to domestic posts and subsequent assignments with the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany, Joseph Inge held multiple positions in the Office of the Chief of Staff between 1987 and 1991 and was later appointed a brigade commander in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood in Texas in April of that year; and

WHEREAS, after serving as executive assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1993 to 1995, Joseph Inge held various command positions both domestically and abroad before becoming commander of the First United States Army at Fort Gillem in Georgia in 2001; and

WHEREAS, in June 2004, Joseph Inge was confirmed as deputy commander of the United States Northern Command and as vice commander of the United States element of the North American Aerospace Defense Command; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Inge retired from the United States Army in 2007, closing a military career that spanned 38 years, during which time he demonstrated an unflagging commitment to defending the homeland; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Inge was awarded numerous military ribbons, badges, and medals for his service, including the U.S. Army Distinguished Service Medal with bronze oak leaf cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal with two bronze service stars, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with service star, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Inge has continued his service to the country in recent years as a private consultant, with a diverse portfolio that includes endeavors supporting industry, government, and the military; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his leadership and expertise, Governor Robert F. McDonnell appointed Joseph Inge to serve both on what is now the Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel and on the Base Realignment and Closure Act panel, advising the governor and his staff at a time when the BRAC process was threatening the closure of military facilities in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Inge has given generously of his time by serving on the boards of several foundations and nonprofit organizations, including the Virginia War Memorial Foundation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Lieutenant General Joseph R. Inge, USA, Ret., for his service to the nation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Lieutenant General Joseph R. Inge, USA, Ret., as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his contributions to both the country and the Commonwealth.

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