

**No. R-237. House concurrent resolution honoring U.S. Army Major General and Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General Gregory Knight on his exemplary service on behalf of our State and nation.**

(H.C.R.196)

Offered by All Members of the House

Offered by All Members of the Senate

*Whereas*, the military and civilian careers of Gregory Knight represent the best attributes of public service and patriotism, and his 43 years in uniform commenced in 1983 with a six-year U.S. Coast Guard enlistment, and

*Whereas*, upon leaving the U.S. Coast Guard, Gregory Knight served for four years as a Burlington police officer and then seven years as the Chief Liquor Investigator at the former Department of Liquor Control, and

*Whereas*, concurrently, for seven years, he was an enlisted member of the Vermont Air National Guard, working as a security forces specialist, drawing on his law enforcement expertise, and

*Whereas*, in 1997, the trajectory of his military service assumed a new path; he was a commissioned graduate of Officer Candidate School, for three years he served as a Vermont Army National Guard officer, and in 2000, he began full-time Active Guard Reserve duty, and

*Whereas*, starting in June 2005, Gregory Knight completed a one-year deployment to Ramadi, Iraq, as a battle captain for Task Force Saber, and

*Whereas*, since 2001, Gregory Knight advanced educationally, earning several academic degrees, including a master's degree from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and he assumed increasingly important roles, reaching the rank of U.S. Army Major General, and he received many military honors, including a Bronze Star Medal, and

*Whereas*, in 2019, recognizing U.S. Army Major General Gregory Knight's superb qualifications, the General Assembly elected him as Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General, the State's highest ranking military officer, and

*Whereas*, Adjutant and Inspector General Gregory Knight's outstanding seven-year tenure featured the 2021 welcoming of Austria to the State Partnership Program, and he can reflect on his military service with great pride, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly honors U.S. Army Major General and Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General Gregory Knight on his exemplary service on behalf of our State and nation, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vermont Adjutant and Inspector General Gregory Knight and to the Vermont National Guard.