

House Resolution No. 58

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably answered the patriotic call to national and state service through their honorable endeavors as officers and gentlemen in the various branches and programs which make up the United States military; and

Whereas, Major General John D. Havens of St. James, Missouri, relinquished his position as Adjutant General in the Missouri National Guard on September 19, 2001, after which date he helped ensure the smooth transition of power by remaining as a state employee in an advisory capacity; and

Whereas, retiring from state employment as a military advisor on January 31, 2002, General Havens will be the guest of honor at an appropriately festive retirement ceremony to be held on February 2, at the Pershing Club at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; and

Whereas, a retired Professional Engineer who worked in private practice from 1988 to 1995, General Havens began his military career as an ROTC Cadet at what was then known as the Missouri School of Mines, attended the Army's engineer school after commissioning as a Second Lieutenant, served on active duty in France and Fort Ord, California, until 1963, and joined the 1438th Engineer Company of the Missouri Army National Guard in Rolla, for which he rose through a variety of leadership, command, and staff positions until his appointment as Adjutant General on March 6, 1997; and

Whereas, General Havens is a highly decorated soldier who is best known for an impressive series of accomplishments as Adjutant General, such as raising Missouri National Guard units to 100 percent strength, establishing seven new Guard units and building new armories with community-accessible computer learning centers, and successfully initiating the Show-Me Challenge Program, Missouri Funeral Honors Program, and the Missouri National Guard Tuition Assistance Program:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Major General John Havens and to convey to him this legislative body's sincerest congratulations upon his well-deserved retirement as Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard and our sincerest expression of thanks for maintaining his stellar association with the state through January 31, 2002, in the role of military advisor; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the retirement of Adjutant General John D. Havens of the Missouri National Guard.

Offered by _____

Representative Merrill M. Townley
District No. 112

Representative Bill Ransdall
District No. 148

Representative Bob May
District No. 149

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 58, adopted January 21, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

