

House Resolution No. 86

Whereas, Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) Kevin A. Buckrucker, Sr., an esteemed resident of Clinton County, Missouri, officially retired from the United States Army on December 31, 2001, after nearly twenty-five years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, CW4 Buckrucker entered active duty in the United States Army on May 14, 1977, and completed Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, before attending Advanced Individual Training as a Legal Specialist/Court Reporter at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, where upon graduation he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), in Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and attained the rank of Specialist Five before selection to Warrant Officer Flight Training in Alabama at the US Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker; and

Whereas, having qualified as a Rotary Wing Aviator following the nine-month officer candidate and flight training curriculum, Mr. Buckrucker was assigned once more to the 101st Airborne Division as a Medical Evacuation Pilot flying the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter and the Army's newest UH-60 "Blackhawk", and continued his service in the Aeromedical community with a subsequent posting to the Republic of Germany, his final rotary wing assignment; and

Whereas, the proud recipient of two United Technologies/Sikorsky Helicopter Lifesaving Rescue Awards who has been credited with several hundred successful medical evacuation missions, Mr. Buckrucker boasts an impressive military career highlighted by tours of duty at Fort Hood Texas, flying counter-intelligence missions over Central America during the Contra Rebel uprising in the mid 1980s, assignment to the US Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California, and participation in the Persian Gulf War; and

Whereas, an International First Officer with American Airlines, Mr. Buckrucker volunteered to serve in the US Army Reserve and completed his final assignment in this capacity with his voluntary mobilization following the events of September 11th and the attack on America; and

Whereas, a devoted Missourian and patriot of the first order who has honorably served the people of the United States of America and the United States Army for nearly a quarter century, Mr. Buckrucker holds an Airline Transport Pilots License and is a graduate of Pacific Western University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management; and

Whereas, Mr. Buckrucker has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, the former Elizabeth Ann Franklin, and his son, Kevin Alan Buckrucker, Jr.:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Kevin Buckrucker for his twenty-four years of unparalleled service to the United States military and to America's citizens; 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 for CW4 Kevin A. Buckrucker, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Randall H. Relford
District No. 6

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. 86, adopted January 23, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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