

A RESOLUTION honoring Kentucky's native son, Lieutenant General William Hardin Harrison for the dedication and commitment shown throughout his career in the United States Army and his active leadership and involvement within his community.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General William Hardin Harrison was born in Pembroke, Kentucky, on July 2, 1933. His military career as an Infantryman began in 1954 when he entered the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. After Basic and Advanced Individual Training, he attended Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1955. From 1955 to 1957, then Lieutenant Harrison served as a rifle company executive officer. After a couple of years out of service, Lieutenant General Harrison returned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky in 1959; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Lieutenant General Harrison served in virtually every type of Infantry unit, including commanding a company in the 101st Airborne as well as two companies in the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. He also commanded a Mechanized Infantry Battalion in the 3rd Armored Division in Germany and 4th (Phoenix) Brigade, 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Harrison served as Sector and Regimental Advisor in the II Corps during the Vietnam War; Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Army Section, Armish-MAAG, Teheran, Iran; G-3 Director of Plans and Training, XVII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Assistant Division Commander (Support) 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; Commanding General 7th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Ord, California; Commanding General of I Corps, Fort Lewis, Washington; and Commanding General of Sixth United States Army and the Presidio of San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Harrison has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Republic of Korea Order of National Security Merit Cheonsu Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Master

Parachutist Badge, and the Korean and Canadian Jump Wings; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Harrison holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Army War College, and is Jumpmaster and Air Assault qualified. Lieutenant General Harrison is also a member of the Infantry Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Harrison retired from active service in 1991. Since his retirement, he has been employed as a consultant to the Governor of California and in private industry. He has been primarily involved in community affairs in Lakewood and Pierce County, Washington and co-chaired the Lakewood, Washington incorporation effort which voters approved in May 1995, and he was elected to the first city council and was elected the first Mayor of Lakewood in October 1995. He sits on the board of many community and military-related organizations including Madigan Army Medical Center Foundation, Lakewood Community and Family YMCA, Pierce County Mental Health Oversight Board, ROAD HOME for Veteran's housing issues, and Rally Point/6 Veterans Assistance Co-Chair; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Harrison was married to Jo Patton, who passed away in May 2008, and had two sons Bill and Charlie;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives is proud to honor Lieutenant General William Harrison for his dedication and commitment throughout his career in the United States Army and commends his active leadership and involvement within his community.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the office of Representative Myron Dossett for presentation.