

A RESOLUTION honoring Steven Bullard upon his promotion to Brigadier General in the United States Air Force and thanking him for his longtime service to his country, Commonwealth, and community.

WHEREAS, General Steven Bullard has a long and storied career and has served numerous leadership roles in the United States Air Force, both at home and overseas, and has also served the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This which service will be recognized on February 7, 2015, when Major General Edward Tonini, the Adjutant General of Kentucky, officially promotes him to the rank of Brigadier General; and

WHEREAS, General Steven Bullard began his climb towards this pinnacle of his military career by attending Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base followed by Air Force Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather Air Force Base in 1985. He eventually achieved the rating of Master Navigator with more than 5,500 flight hours on varied aircraft; and

WHEREAS, General Steven Bullard has flown missions in 69 countries, participating in Operations Just Cause, Desert Shield, Provide Promise, Restore Hope, Joint Endeavor, Joint Forge, Southern Watch, Bright Star, Coronet Oak, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. He has also participated in numerous Special Operations Low Level deployments and served as the lead instructor during Red Flag and Green Flag exercises; and

WHEREAS, General Steven Bullard's career can be described as that of a "traditional Guardsman," given his varied roles in the Air National Guard. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, General Bullard served first as Operations Officer and later as Commander of the 10-aircraft, 306-personnel joint Guard-Reserve 38th Airlift Squadron (Provisional) at Ramstein Air Base in Germany; and

WHEREAS, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, General Bullard deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the Deputy Director, Air Component Coordination Element, and the U. S. Air Force liaison with Combined Forces Command Afghanistan and the

government of Afghanistan. Later he served as the Kandahar Air Field Senior Airfield Authority for the NATO International Security Assistance Force and Commander of the 451st Air Expeditionary Group, U. S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, General Steven Bullard also served as Chief of Operations for the Joint Intelligence and Operations Center at Headquarters, U.S. Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base in Florida; and

WHEREAS, closer to home, General Steven Bullard has served as director, Joint Doctrine and Training, Joint Force Headquarters, Frankfort, Kentucky, while he concurrently served as director of operation, Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard. He was also previously the vice commander of the 123rd Air Wing, Kentucky Air National Guard, and he commanded the 123rd Mission Support Group and served as interim commander of the 123rd Medical Group; and

WHEREAS, General Steven Bullard currently serves as chief of staff, Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard, and deputy chief of the joint staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Kentucky National Guard, in addition to his civilian role as director of the Division of Administrative Services within the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs; and

WHEREAS, General Steven Bullard has also served as the Chairman of the Louisville Armed Forces Committee since 2009, and previously served two terms as the President of the National Guard Association of Kentucky. Additionally, he was the volunteer executive director of the Kentucky Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for eight years; and

WHEREAS, among his numerous military awards and decorations, General Steven Bullard has earned and been awarded: the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Serve Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Meritorious Unit Award with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Award, Southwest Asia Service Medal with Star device,

Kosovo Campaign Medal with two Star devices, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two star devices, Humanitarian Service Medal with Star device, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NATO Article 5 Medal (ISAF Afghanistan Service) with Star device, Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait, Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal, and Air Force Command Navigator Badge;

NOW, THEREFORE,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

➔Section 1. The Senate honors Steven Bullard upon his promotion to Brigadier General in the United States Air Force and thanks him for his longtime service to his country, Commonwealth, and community.

➔Section 2. The Senate joins with his family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating this well deserved promotion, and members of this body are pleased to call General Bullard a friend.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate shall forward one copy of this Resolution to Senator Harper Angel for transmission to General Steven Bullard.