

House Resolution 1902

By: Representative Sims of the 151<sup>st</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lieutenant Colonel Twala Denise Mathis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Twala Denise Mathis, a native of Georgia, has devoted her  
3 career to serving her country, earning the immense respect and admiration of her military  
4 colleagues during her 20 years of service; and

5 WHEREAS, a 1984 graduate of Monroe High School, she received a Bachelor of Science  
6 from Albany State College in Albany, Georgia, in 1988 and a Master of Science from  
7 Webster University in 1991; and

8 WHEREAS, after being commissioned from the Reserve Officer Training Candidate  
9 Program as a Distinguished Military Graduate, she began her career as a military intelligence  
10 officer in 1988; and

11 WHEREAS, since that time, Lt. Col. Mathis has had many prominent posts, including  
12 service as an intelligence officer, platoon leader, battalion logistics officer, and  
13 counterintelligence officer, in a variety of locales in North Carolina, Georgia, and South  
14 Korea; and

15 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Mathis has also served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm  
16 in Saudi Arabia and Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait; and

17 WHEREAS, during the course of her illustrious career, she has received numerous awards  
18 and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal,  
19 Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, the  
20 Army Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, and Parachutist and Air Assault  
21 badges; and

1 WHEREAS, she recently served as the Atlanta Recruiting Battalion Executive Officer, is  
2 currently serving as the 2nd Recruiting Brigade Operations Officer, and has been selected  
3 to assume command of a Recruiting Battalion in June, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Lt. Col. Mathis for her  
5 extraordinary service to this nation, and it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to  
6 pay tribute to the outstanding contributions of this exceptional Georgian.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
8 the members of this body join to commend Lieutenant Colonel Twala Denise Mathis on her  
9 exemplary service in our country's military and to thank her for her invaluable contributions  
10 to Georgia.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel Twala  
13 Denise Mathis.