

Senate Resolution 55

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

#### A RESOLUTION

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2 Commending Colonel Debra Conrad Rondem on the occasion of her retirement; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious career, Colonel Debra Conrad Rondem has served the  
5 United States Army and the Selective Service System with utmost professionalism, loyalty,  
6 honesty, and integrity, making her an inspiration to all her friends and colleagues; and

7 WHEREAS, Colonel Rondem, a native of Lafayette, Louisiana, and a 1973 graduate of Sam  
8 Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, entered enlisted military service in the United  
9 States Army Reserve in 1975 and received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant,  
10 Adjutant General Corps, United States Army Reserve in 1977; and

11 WHEREAS, after graduating from the Adjutant General School Officer Basic Course in  
12 1978, she served in a variety of commands for over 31 years including the 75th United States  
13 Army Maneuver Area Command in Houston, Texas, and the Selective Service System  
14 United States Army Reserve Element Detachments in Houston and in Marietta, Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, she is a graduate of the Tactical Intelligence Staff Course, Adjutant General  
16 School Officer Advanced Course, and Command and General Staff College and served as  
17 Commander of the Joint Duty United States Army Reserve Element Detachment 2-7,  
18 Selective Service System, Marietta, Georgia, from 1995 to 2007; and

19 WHEREAS, her numerous military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service  
20 Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service  
21 Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Selective Service System Meritorious  
22 Service Award with Bronze Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with  
23 seven oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with  
24 Gold Hourglass device, and Army Service Ribbon, Georgia Army National Guard  
25 Commendation Medal; and

1 WHEREAS, her special, distinguished accomplishments as Area Office Manager and  
2 Commander of Detachment 2-7, Selective Service System, Marietta resulted in her selection  
3 as Selective Service Region II Senior Officer of the Year in 1999 and again in 2003 as the  
4 best Selective Service Senior Officer in the 15 state Region II; and

5 WHEREAS, Colonel Rondem has had an equally distinguished career in public education  
6 following her graduation in 1975 with a Master of Education from Sam Houston State  
7 University, a P-12 School Counseling Certificate from Sam Houston State University in  
8 1982, and a P-12 Educational Leadership Certificate from the University of Georgia in 1997;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, she is currently serving with distinction as Director of Student Support Services  
11 for the Forsyth County Board of Education in Cumming, Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 1, 2007, Colonel Rondem retired from the United States Army  
13 Reserve after over 32 years of dedicated service to this state and this country.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
15 join to commend Colonel Debra Conrad Rondem for her 32 years of extraordinary service  
16 to her state and nation and thank her for her many contributions to Georgia and extend their  
17 best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
19 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Colonel Debra Conrad Rondem.