

Senate Resolution 166

By: Senator Tate of the 38th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré has long been recognized by the citizens  
6 of this nation for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal  
7 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, this extraordinary man has diligently and conscientiously served his country  
9 with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army where he has served as  
10 the Commander, First U.S. Army, Fort Gillem since July 15, 2004, and Commander, Joint  
11 Task Force-Katrina, in which capacity he led the U.S. Department of Defense Response to  
12 Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita; and

13 WHEREAS, he is affectionately known as the "Ragin' Cajun," he is a soldier's soldier and  
14 his heroism, valor, and ability have been recognized by his being awarded the Defense  
15 Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with four  
16 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the  
17 Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the 2005 Omar N. Bradley  
18 "Spirit of Independence Award"; and

19 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human  
20 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
21 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized  
22 appropriately.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE that the members of this body  
2 commend Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and  
3 dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and state and extend to his family their  
4 most profound and sincere appreciation for him and for all members of the United States  
5 military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré.