

Senate Resolution 798

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Johnson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the exemplary military career of Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth
2 Luikart; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Luikart is assigned to the 165th Airlift Wing,
4 Georgia Air National Guard, Savannah International Airport, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Luikart began his military career on January 22, 1968, as
6 a private in the United States Army, and as a senior order of battle analyst, he distinguished
7 himself by exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations against
8 communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam from August, 1968 to March, 1970; and

9 WHEREAS, he joined the Georgia Air National Guard and has given exemplary service in
10 the following areas: in September, 1975, he directly supported two operational readiness
11 exercises; in April, 1982, he supported Operation QUICK THRUST contributing to a highly
12 successful mission; in 1989, he served in an outstanding manner as the intelligence analyst
13 for the unit deployed to Operation BADGE TORCH; in December, 1995, he demonstrated
14 exceptional professionalism and technical expertise during a unit deployment to Germany
15 in support of Operation SUPPORT HOPE in Uganda in 1994; in January, 2000, he served
16 as the 165th's Airlift Wing Community Manager where he rewrote the entire hurricane
17 supplement to the Department of Defense's Georgia Plan 500-1; in 2002, he was appointed
18 the Mission Support Group Director of Support in which he served with distinction as the
19 Forward Operating Base Commander; in September, 2003, he served as the 165th Mission
20 Support Flight Commander; and in October, 2006, he supported the Wings Operational
21 Readiness Inspection as the Commander of the Survival Recovery Center; and

22 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Luikart has received numerous awards for outstanding
23 service to his country such as the Meritorious Service Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal,
24 Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit
25 Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal, Air Reserve Forces

1 Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal,
2 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding
3 Volunteer Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short, Army Overseas Service Ribbon,
4 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, Air Force Expeditionary Service
5 Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1'M' Device, Small
6 Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam
7 Gallantry Cross with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation, and the
8 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

9 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Luikart is highly involved in the greater Effingham
10 community where he has served as a scout master for Troop 665 for more than 30 years,
11 graduating more than 62 Eagle Scouts, and speaks to several civic organizations within
12 Savannah such as the Sons of the Revolutionary War, Scottish Rite, and the Mighty 8th Air
13 Force; and

14 WHEREAS, because of his exemplary service, he is being recommended for the Georgia
15 Distinctive Service Medal.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 commend and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Luikart for his exemplary service
18 to the State of Georgia and his country.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and
20 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth
21 Luikart.