

Senate Resolution 444

By: Senator Chance of the 16th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Master Sergeant Charles Richard Van Hoy, Jr., on the  
2 occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Charles Richard Van Hoy, Jr., has long been recognized by the  
7 citizens of this nation for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal  
8 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Van Hoy has served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and  
10 liberty with the United States military for over 29 years; and

11 WHEREAS, a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Master Sergeant Van Hoy entered  
12 the United States Army Reserve in 1982, completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood,  
13 Missouri, and served 15 years in the Army in both the reserves and in active duty status; and

14 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Van Hoy is a member of the Georgia Air National Guard  
15 assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing and has served in the Georgia Army National Guard  
16 with the 48th Brigade and the Georgia Air National Guard 116th Bomb Wing; and

17 WHEREAS, during his career with the Georgia Air National Guard, Master Sergeant Van  
18 Hoy has worked with a variety of aircraft, including the F-15 Eagle, the A-10 Thunderbolt  
19 II, the B1-B Lancer, the MC-12W Liberty, the MQ-1 Predator, and the E-8C Joint Stars; and

20 WHEREAS, resident of Forsyth, Georgia, Master Sergeant Van Hoy has traveled to Alaska,  
21 California, Florida, Mississippi, Nevada, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington D.C.,

22 Guam, Japan, Republic of Korea, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Germany,  
23 Ireland, Hungary, and Italy in support of the Georgia Air National Guard mission; and

24 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Rosetta, and has been  
25 blessed with three remarkable children, Kurt, Parker, and Breann; and

26 WHEREAS, a community leader, Master Sergeant Van Hoy volunteers as a youth bus driver  
27 for Forsyth United Methodist Church, supports Monroe County Save-A-Pet, and works with  
28 local schools to improve education; and

29 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Van Hoy embodies the spirit of service, willing to find  
30 meaning in something greater than himself, and his decades of service as a guardian of this  
31 nation's freedom and liberty are worthy of recognition.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
33 commend Master Sergeant Charles Richard Van Hoy, Jr., for his efficient, effective,  
34 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his country; congratulate him upon  
35 the grand occasion of his retirement; express their gratitude for his sacrifice in serving as a  
36 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty; and extend to him their most sincere best  
37 wishes for continued health and happiness.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
39 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Master Sergeant Charles Richard Van  
40 Hoy, Jr.