

House Resolution 549

By: Representatives Williams of the 168th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gordon of the 163rd, and Bryant of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Third Infantry Division of the United States Army at Fort Stewart;
2 recognizing March 9, 2015, as Third Infantry Division Day at the state capitol; and inviting
3 Major General John M. Murray, Command Sergeant Major Christopher G. Gilpin, Brigadier
4 General James R. Blackburn, Jr., Command Sergeant Major Stanley Varner, Colonel Kevin
5 F. Gregory, Command Sergeant Major Myron J. Lewis, Mayor Edna B. Jackson of
6 Savannah, and Mayor Jim Thomas, Jr., of Hinesville to be recognized by the House of
7 Representatives; and for other purposes.

8 WHEREAS, Fort Stewart is the largest United States Army military installation east of the
9 Mississippi River, situated on 284,924 acres with 617 miles of paved roads, 326 miles of dirt
10 roads, 538 miles of tank trails, and enough space to train two brigades simultaneously; and

11 WHEREAS, Fort Stewart has an annual economic impact of \$5.6 billion, affecting numerous
12 counties across the State of Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, more than 2,000 civilians are employed at Fort Stewart, and more than 20,000
14 active duty military soldiers are stationed there; and

15 WHEREAS, Fort Stewart has been named the top United States Army installation in the
16 world six times, and soldiers from Fort Stewart have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan
17 on six different occasions in the past ten years; and

18 WHEREAS, Fort Stewart is home to the Third Infantry Division of the United States Army,
19 which has one of the most successful combat records of any United States Army division;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, fifty-one members of the Third Infantry Division have been awarded the
22 Congressional Medal of Honor while serving the United States and its citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, the Third Infantry Division was deployed in World War I, World War II, the
24 Korean War, the Persian Gulf War, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and it played an
25 instrumental role during the Cold War; and

26 WHEREAS, Major General John M. Murray and Command Sergeant Major Christopher G.
27 Gilpin are currently serving their fellow citizens and this nation in Afghanistan, and the
28 sacrifices of these brave men make the freedoms that the citizens of the United States enjoy
29 every day possible; and

30 WHEREAS, Brigadier General James R. Blackburn, Jr., is currently serving as Task Force
31 Marne Commander at Fort Stewart, and Command Sergeant Major Stanley Varner is serving
32 as Task Force Marne Command Sergeant Major at Fort Stewart; and

33 WHEREAS, Colonel Kevin F. Gregory is serving as Commander of the United States Army
34 Garrison at Fort Stewart, and Command Sergeant Major Myron J. Lewis is serving as
35 Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Garrison at Fort Stewart; and

36 WHEREAS, the members of this body recognize and appreciate the many great sacrifices
37 made by the men and women of the Third Infantry Division, and it is abundantly fitting and
38 proper that these valiant soldiers receive the honor of this body and of all the citizens of the
39 State of Georgia.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body commend the Third Infantry Division of the United States Army
42 at Fort Stewart; recognize March 9, 2015, as Third Infantry Division Day at the state capitol;
43 and invite Major General John M. Murray, Command Sergeant Major Christopher G. Gilpin,
44 Brigadier General James R. Blackburn, Jr., Command Sergeant Major Stanley Varner,
45 Colonel Kevin F. Gregory, Command Sergeant Major Myron J. Lewis, Mayor Edna B.
46 Jackson of Savannah, and Mayor Jim Thomas, Jr., of Hinesville to be recognized by the
47 House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House
48 of Representatives.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
50 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
51 above named people.