

House Resolution 490

By: Representatives Williams of the 168th, Stephens of the 164th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Hitchens of the 161st, and Burns of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Third Infantry Division of the United States Army at Fort Stewart-Hunter
2 Army Airfield and recognizing March 9, 2017, as Third Infantry Division Day at the state
3 capitol; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Major General James E. Rainey and Command Sergeant Major Walter A.
22 Tagalicud are currently serving their fellow citizens and this nation in Afghanistan, and the
23 sacrifices of these brave men make possible the freedoms that the citizens of the United States
24 enjoy every day; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the Third Infantry Division of the United States Army
31 at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield and recognize March 9, 2017, as Third Infantry
32 Division Day at the state capitol.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 Third Infantry Division of the United States Army at Fort Stewart.