

Senate Resolution 420

By: Senator Brass of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lieutenant Colonel William "Joe" J. Loadholtes, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on the brave and dedicated military
3 heroes who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom; and

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel William "Joe" J. Loadholtes, Jr., has served as a guardian
5 of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States military, valiantly and courageously
6 protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam War and afterward, retiring in 1997 as
7 a Lieutenant Colonel with over 23 years of total active service; and

8 WHEREAS, he has served his country with honor and distinction and is one of America's
9 true heroes, having exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, and
10 meticulous attention to detail; and

11 WHEREAS, his commitment to excellence has been recognized through the many
12 decorations and awards he has received, including the Bronze Star, Air Medal with 13 oak
13 leaf clusters, Purple Heart, Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army
14 Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with oak
15 leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service
16 Medal, and Korean Defense Medal, as well as numerous other service and campaign medals;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the selfless and heroic actions of Lieutenant Colonel William "Joe" J.
19 Loadholtes, Jr., stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human spirit and willpower, and
20 it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable
21 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 commend Lieutenant Colonel William "Joe" J. Loadholtes, Jr., for his efficient, effective,

24 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of this country and extend to him their
25 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lieutenant
28 Colonel William "Joe" J. Loadholtes, Jr.