

## House Resolution 1576

By: Representatives Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Fleming of the 121<sup>st</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Dubnik of the 29<sup>th</sup>, Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant General Dewayne Patrick; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Dewayne Patrick of Thomson, Georgia, has long been  
3 recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and  
4 his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia and the United States;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty for more than three  
7 decades and in several different conflicts, putting himself at risk so that others could enjoy  
8 the privilege of security; and

9 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Patrick's exemplary leadership and unwavering dedication  
10 led to his promotion to the position of Commanding General of the United States and  
11 Republic of Korea combined field army; and

12 WHEREAS, he has earned many honors and commendations over the course of his  
13 illustrious military career, including two Distinguished Service Medals, the Silver Star, four  
14 Bronze Stars, two for Valor, three Vietnamese Gallantry Crosses, the Combat Infantry  
15 Badge, Airborne Wings, Air Assault Badge, and Ranger Tab, and was inducted into the  
16 United States Army ROTC Hall of Fame, the Quilts of Valor Foundation Hall of Fame, and  
17 the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame; and

18 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Patrick has diligently and conscientiously devoted  
19 innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community  
20 and state as further evidenced by his superlative service as Thomson City Administrator for  
21 12 years, his work expanding parks and recreational facilities through state and federal  
22 grants, his successful obtainment of water at Clark's Hill Reservoir, and countless more  
23 contributions to the community; and

24 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his college sweetheart, Patricia, and is  
25 blessed with a remarkable son, Burt, and two wonderful granddaughters, Erin and Caitlin;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Lieutenant General Patrick serves as Elder  
28 Emeritus of Thomson Presbyterian Church; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
30 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
32 the members of this body recognize and commend Lieutenant General Dewayne Patrick for  
33 his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and the  
34 United States of America and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
37 Lieutenant General Dewayne Patrick.