

Senate Resolution 180

By: Senator Karinshak of the 48th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Colonel Denise Gaines-Edmond for her leadership, courage,  
2 and service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Denise Gaines-Edmond served in the United States Army, protecting  
4 the prosperity of Americans from domestic and foreign threats throughout an exemplary  
5 career that spanned over 30 years; and

6 WHEREAS, she served her last assignment as the United States Army Central  
7 (USARCENT) C1/J1 and the Enhance the Force Line of Effort Chief in Kuwait; and

8 WHEREAS, she served as a subject matter expert and revised the Continuity of Operations  
9 Plan (COOP) for disaster preparedness as FORSCOM G1 Chief, Crisis Actions Team (CAT)  
10 Division; and

11 WHEREAS, during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), she served as the J1  
12 Personnel Director Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) in Cuba, establishing strong  
13 rapport with sister services and related government agencies; and

14 WHEREAS, she was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, in January, 2009, as the J1 Director for the  
15 Iraqi Assistance Group, where she successfully led a staff supporting over 2,000 transition  
16 team personnel during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF); and

17 WHEREAS, she served as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at Fort Valley State  
18 University, where she continued to develop and mentor the next generation of Army leaders;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, she provided cutting edge guidance and direction to train tomorrow's Army  
21 using the Silver Scimitar's development construct, as the FORSCOM G1 Branch Chief; and

22 WHEREAS, as the USARCENT C1/J1 in Kuwait, she ensured personnel accountability and  
23 support for over 75 deployed units and over 21,000 service members in the Central  
24 Command, while simultaneously standing up the structure for the Joint Headquarters staff;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, since her retirement, Colonel Gaines-Edmond has continued to share her  
27 expertise and advocate for critical issues with various community groups; and

28 WHEREAS, she holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of  
29 New Orleans and a master's degree in strategic studies from the United States Army War  
30 College; and

31 WHEREAS, she continues to embody the values of our service members through her  
32 engagement with civics, support for her fellow veterans, and dedication to community  
33 affairs; and

34 WHEREAS, Colonel Denise Gaines-Edmond serves as a shining example of the United  
35 States Armed Forces' best, and her outstanding accomplishments ought to be appropriately  
36 recognized.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
38 recognize and commend Colonel Denise Gaines-Edmond for her selfless devotion to service  
39 and extend sincere gratitude for her commitment to keep the American people safe.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
41 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Colonel Denise  
42 Gaines-Edmond.