

## Senate Resolution 654

By: Senators Sims of the 12th, Summers of the 13th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Watson of the 11th and Hufstetler of the 52nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Lieutenant General Thomas M. Carden; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Thomas M. Carden is a distinguished son of Georgia and  
4 a proud constituent of Senate District 12 whose life of service exemplifies courage,  
5 leadership, and unwavering dedication to the United States of America; and

6 WHEREAS, commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1989, he has devoted more  
7 than three decades to the defense of this nation, rising through the ranks by merit, integrity,  
8 and steadfast commitment to the soldiers and citizens he has served; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout his career in the Georgia Army National Guard and the United  
10 States Army, Lieutenant General Carden has held many leadership positions including  
11 command at the company, battalion, brigade, and state levels; key operational and staff roles  
12 both domestically and abroad; deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in  
13 Baghdad, Iraq, and Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia; and service as Deputy Commander of  
14 the NATO Multinational Division Southeast in Bucharest, Romania; and

15 WHEREAS, from 2019 to 2024, Lieutenant General Carden served as The Adjutant General  
16 of Georgia, where he oversaw the Georgia National Guard's response to domestic  
17 emergencies, natural disasters, and global missions, while ensuring the readiness and welfare  
18 of Georgia's citizen soldiers and airmen; and

19 WHEREAS, in May 2024, he was selected to serve as Deputy Commander of United States  
20 Northern Command at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado, where he played a vital role in  
21 anticipating and responding to threats to North America and overseeing defense support to  
22 civil authorities; and

23 WHEREAS, in January 2026, the United States Senate confirmed Lieutenant General Carden  
24 as the 12th Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau, a historic appointment that elevated  
25 him to the rank of four-star general, the first officer ever to hold that rank in the position and  
26 marking the first time the National Guard has had two four-star generals simultaneously; and

27 WHEREAS, only those with great strength, discipline, and a firm resolve achieve positions  
28 of such status, and Lieutenant General Carden has brought great credit to himself, his family,  
29 this state, and this nation through his outstanding performance and dedication; and

30 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human  
31 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
32 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
34 recognize Lieutenant General Thomas M. Carden, congratulate him upon his promotion, and  
35 extend sincere best wishes for continued health, happiness, and success.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
37 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lieutenant  
38 General Thomas M. Carden.