

## House Resolution 663

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant General Robert G. "Sam" Wetzel; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Lieutenant General Robert G. "Sam" Wetzel on January 20, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
6 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Korean  
7 War and Vietnam War for 34 years; and

8 WHEREAS, he further served as commander of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division; the  
9 1st Infantry Division Forward; and the 3rd Infantry Division, as well as executive to the  
10 Supreme Commander Allied Powers Europe in Belgium and as inspector general of United  
11 States operations in 24 countries for the United States European Command; and

12 WHEREAS, following his victory against melanoma, LTG Wetzel earned his third star while  
13 serving in Germany as deputy commander of United States Forces Europe and commander  
14 of the 5th (V) United States Corps; and

15 WHEREAS, a highly decorated military veteran, he was awarded with the Distinguished  
16 Service Medal, Bronze Star, two Legion of Merits, six Air Medals, Joint Superior Service  
17 Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star; and

18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his  
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
23 made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, LTG Wetzel will long be remembered for  
25 his love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great  
26 fortune of knowing him.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant General Robert  
29 G. "Sam" Wetzel and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Lieutenant General Robert G. "Sam" Wetzel.