

## Senate Resolution 328

By: Senators Wicks of the 34th, Anderson of the 43rd, Mangham of the 55th, James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Geneva Heyward; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Geneva Heyward served as a guardian of this nation's  
4 freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting her  
5 fellow Americans for 27 years as a Communications Electronic Officer in the Signal Corps  
6 across both active duty and the Army Reserve; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Beaufort, South Carolina, she earned her commission as a Second  
8 Lieutenant upon graduation from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, beginning  
9 her distinguished military career in 1981; and

10 WHEREAS, she completed the Signal Corps Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon, Georgia,  
11 and was assigned to the United States Army Airborne Command Forces as a  
12 Communications Electronic Officer, where she was responsible for providing  
13 communications support and services both stateside and abroad; and

14 WHEREAS, she was promoted to First Lieutenant in 1982 and was stationed in Germany in  
15 1983 with the 52nd Signal Battalion, where she played a pivotal role in the successful  
16 European Telephone Exchange Cutover; and

17 WHEREAS, after being promoted to Captain in 1985, she returned to Atlanta, Georgia, in  
18 1986 and transitioned to the United States Army Reserve, joining the 335th Signal Theater  
19 Command as a Communications Officer and Equal Opportunity Advisor; and

20 WHEREAS, she was promoted to Major in 1993 while continuing her service with the 335th  
21 Signal Theater Command, later transferring to the 2nd Battalion, 347th Regiment, 87th  
22 Division at Fort Eisenhower and subsequently serving as an Equal Opportunity Advisor and  
23 Signal Lanes Officer-in-Charge at Fort Gillem; and

24 WHEREAS, she completed Command and General Staff College in 1994 and was promoted  
25 to Lieutenant Colonel in 2000, joining the FORSCOM Augmentation Unit as Operations  
26 Team Officer-in-Charge in G6, where she ensured the successful execution of 24-hour  
27 communications operations at the United States Army Forces Command; and

28 WHEREAS, her final assignment was with the 1st Army Headquarters at Fort Gillem, where  
29 she served as an Operations and Training Officer, ensuring units received the necessary  
30 training materials and preparation; and

31 WHEREAS, a highly decorated veteran, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Heyward has earned  
32 numerous awards and decorations, including the President's Lifetime Achievement Award  
33 and two Meritorious Service Medals; and

34 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Heyward remains actively engaged in her community  
35 as a charter and life member of the National Association of Black Military Women, where  
36 she has volunteered with NABMW's Real Women Read initiative; and

37 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
38 remarkable and distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
40 recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Geneva Heyward for her exceptional  
41 career and dedicated service to her nation and extend the most sincere best wishes for  
42 continued health and happiness.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
44 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Lieutenant  
45 Colonel (Ret.) Geneva Heyward.