

Senate Resolution 849

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Jones of the 10th, Still of the 48th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Colonel (Ret.) Paul Longgear for his distinguished military service, professional
2 achievements, and continued dedication to leadership and national security; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Colonel (Ret.) Paul Longgear honorably served the United States of America
5 with distinction for a combined 26 years of federal service in the United States Army,
6 exemplifying courage, commitment, and unwavering patriotism; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary military career, Colonel Longgear earned many
8 commendations for valor and heroism, including the Silver Star, multiple Bronze Stars for
9 Valor, three Purple Hearts, two awards for valor from the Government of Vietnam, and two
10 achievement awards from the German Army; and

11 WHEREAS, Colonel Longgear served two combat tours in Vietnam and was stationed in
12 the Middle East at the onset of the Gulf War, where he was immediately ordered back to the
13 United States to support the national war effort during that critical period; and

14 WHEREAS, a highly trained and accomplished soldier, Colonel Longgear is a graduate of
15 the United States Army Airborne, Ranger, and Special Forces courses, as well as numerous
16 advanced counterterrorism and national security programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Colonel Longgear further enhanced his strategic expertise through
18 post-graduate studies in the Department of Defense Strategies Course offered by the United
19 States Army War College; and

20 WHEREAS, he has served as a certified military instructor in specialized operations,
21 including High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) and Self-Contained Underwater Breathing
22 Apparatus (SCUBA) infiltration techniques, and has taught counterterrorism, models of
23 leadership, and international conflict courses at the graduate level; and

24 WHEREAS, the citizens of this state are deeply grateful for Colonel Longgear's
25 extraordinary record of valor, sacrifice, leadership, and lifelong dedication to service both
26 in uniform and in civilian life.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend and honor Colonel (Ret.) Paul Longgear for his outstanding military career, his
29 distinguished record of heroism and achievement, and his continued commitment to
30 leadership, education, and the security of our nation.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Colonel (Ret.)
33 Paul Longgear.