

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1814

A RESOLUTION honoring General Richard B. Myers, a great Kansan and a great American.

WHEREAS, General Richard B. Myers retired as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on October 1, 2005, after serving over 40 years in the United States Air Force. In four years as chairman he served as principal military adviser to the President, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council; and

WHEREAS, General Myers led the United States Armed Forces through a time of heightened threat to the nation's security. His term began only a few weeks after the September 11th attacks, and he was responsible for implementing and guiding the United States' strategy in the war on terrorism. During his tenure as chairman, the United States led international efforts to overthrow the Taliban and deny Al Qaida's safe haven in Afghanistan, and to resoundingly defeat the Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq. He also oversaw the United States military's role in relief efforts for victims of the tsunami that struck the Pacific in December of 2004, and hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005; and

WHEREAS, A native of Kansas City and a 1965 graduate of Kansas State University, General Myers also served as Vice-Chairman and Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He has held command positions at every level, including Commander of United States Space Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Pacific Air Forces, United States Forces Japan and two fighter wings. A fighter pilot with over 4,100 hours, General Myers logged more than 600 combat hours during the Vietnam conflict. He has established an impressive record piloting the F-4, F-16, F-15, T-33, C-21 and C-37 aircraft; and

WHEREAS, General Myers' assignments took him to posts all over the United States and around the globe. For his commitment to excellence in carrying out his duties he has earned a vast array of major awards and decorations, including medals and recognition from Slovakia, Singapore, Colombia, Estonia, Bulgaria, Paraguay, Japan, Korea, Romania, Italy, France, Canada and Vietnam. He has also been recognized with some of the highest honors given by the United States military, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Distinguished Service Medals from the Army, Navy and Coast Guard, the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross; and

WHEREAS, His legacy has been indelibly imprinted throughout the United States Armed Forces and around the world, in the 50 million Afghanis and Iraqis, who can now vote and help determine their own futures for the first time, in countless lives saved in the aftermath of natural disasters, and in a transformed military better prepared to protect the homeland and address future threats; and

WHEREAS, General Myers currently lectures across the country on national security issues and leadership. He will bring home to Kansas his unparalleled experience and invaluable perspective as Foundation Professor of Military History and Leadership at his alma mater, Kansas State University. He lives in the Washington, D.C. area with his wife, Mary Jo. They have two daughters and a son and, to their great joy, a growing number of grandchildren. Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we honor this Kansas native for the leadership he has provided this nation in times of crises, express our gratitude to him and his family for his years of dedicated service to our country, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Senate Resolution No. 1814 was sponsored by Senator Stephen Morris.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*