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S. RES. 190

Commending General Eric Shinseki of the United States Army for his outstanding service and commitment to excellence.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27 (legislative day, JUNE 26), 2003

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. REED, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DAYTON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HAGEL, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending General Eric Shinseki of the United States Army for his outstanding service and commitment to excellence.

Whereas General Eric Shinseki, the Army's 34th Chief of Staff, retired in June 2003, from active military duty after 37 distinguished years of service;

Whereas General Shinseki, a native of Hawaii, graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, in 1965 and served in a variety of assignments, including 2 combat tours in Vietnam, and was wounded twice in combat while serving his country;

Whereas General Shinseki has been awarded the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star Medal with “V” Device (with 2 oak leaf clusters), Purple Heart (with oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 oak leaf clusters), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge;

Whereas General Shinseki has spent the last 4 years of his career in the highest position attainable in the Army and has proven himself a tremendous leader who has demonstrated unselfish devotion to this Nation and the soldiers he leads;

Whereas General Shinseki focused the Army on improved readiness in preparation for war and transformed the Army into the lean, agile, lethal fighting force that achieved victories during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas General Shinseki provided the vision to set the Army on a path of transformation that will provide the Nation with an Army that is more lethal, agile, deployable, and flexible; capable of fighting and winning this Nation’s wars in all future threat environments.

Whereas General Shinseki exemplifies the trademark characteristics exhibited by all great leaders and is a remarkable man of integrity, courage, and honor;

Whereas General Shinseki is an American hero who has been selfless in his service to his country through war, peace, and personal trial, and epitomizes the spirit of aloha; and

Whereas John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States once said, “When at some future date the high court of history sits in judgment of each one of us—recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities, we will be measured by the answers to 4 questions—were we truly men of courage . . . were we truly men of judgment . . . were we truly men of integrity . . . were we truly men of dedication?” and whereas when history looks back at the Army’s 34th Chief of Staff, it will be clear that this was truly a man of courage, judgment, integrity, and dedication: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. COMMENDATION.**

3 The Senate—

4 (1) thanks General Eric Shinseki of the United
5 States Army on behalf of a grateful Nation; and

6 (2) commends General Eric Shinseki for his ex-
7 traordinary dedication to service to this great coun-
8 try and for his lifetime of commitment to excellence.

9 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.**

10 The Senate directs the Secretary of the Senate to
11 transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to General
12 Eric Shinseki.

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