

H. Res. 944

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

February 25, 2008.

Whereas Lieutenant General Russel L. Honoré is a native of Lakeland, Louisiana;

Whereas Lieutenant General Honoré graduated from Southern University and A&M College in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in vocational agriculture and, upon graduation, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army;

Whereas Lieutenant General Honoré graduated from Troy State University with a master's degree in human resources, received an honorary doctorate in public administration from Southern University and A&M College, and received an honorary doctorate in law from Stillman College;

Whereas Lieutenant General Honoré served in a number of infantry command positions in the Army, including overseas tours in Germany and as a commanding officer in the Second Infantry Division in Korea;

Whereas Lieutenant General Honoré saw action in Iraq and Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm;

Whereas Lieutenant General Honoré served as vice director for operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, District of Columbia, deputy commanding general and

assistant commandant of the United States Army Infantry Center and School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and assistant division commander, maneuver/support for the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas;

Whereas Lieutenant General Honoré commanded the Joint Force Headquarters for Homeland Security;

Whereas Lieutenant General Honoré commanded the First United States Army, which is responsible for the training and deployment of 500,000 National Guard and Reserve members.

Whereas the awards and decorations of Lieutenant General Honoré include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters;

Whereas Lieutenant General Honoré led the Joint Task Force Katrina following the hurricane's destruction of the Gulf Coast in 2005, where he commanded all active-duty troops from all military branches dedicated to the storm recovery operations; and

Whereas Lieutenant General Honoré and his wife Beverly raised four children, Stephanie, Kimberly, Stephen, and Michael, and their son Michael has served in Iraq as an Army sergeant: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors Lieutenant General Honoré for his 37 years of service on behalf of the United States;

(2) commends Lieutenant General Honoré for his dedication and commitment to the Army and his leadership in the post-Katrina recovery effort; and

(3) recognizes Lieutenant General Honoré as a soldier, commander, and leader and for displaying throughout his distinguished military service the highest levels of leadership, professional competence, integrity, and courage.

Attest:

Clerk.