

TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL PATRICK MULVIHILL

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Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize California native and U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Mulvihill. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to honor Colonel Mulvihill, who will soon be retiring from the Army after 25 years of distinguished service to our nation.

Colonel Mulvihill began his career with the Army in 1981 upon receiving an ROTC commission from the University of California,

Davis. Since that time, he has been assigned to commands from California to Europe, serving as a Battalion S2, Assistant Brigade S2, Tactical Signals Intelligence Company Commander, Observer-Controller for the National Training Center, Instructor at Fort Huachuca, Assistant G2 in Europe, SFOR Intelligence Task Force Commander in Bosnia and the 66th MI Group S3.

In 2001, Colonel Mulvihill assumed command at the Joint Intelligence Training Activity Pacific, his current and final duty assignment. Colonel Mulvihill is known by those who have served beside him, as well as those he has commanded, as an Intelligence expert and a leader who has always put the welfare of our nation's soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors before his own.

President Ronald Reagan once said, "I always believed in the importance of peace through strength. And the military is the provider of that strength. So we must equip them, train them and support them. But over the years, America's military leadership has brought us to even greater heights than we ever could imagine." Mr. Speaker, President Reagan was referring to leaders like Colonel Mulvihill, who embody the strength of our nation and remain our military's greatest asset.

As Chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services, I extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Colonel Mulvihill for his 25 years of dedicated military service. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting this American hero and wishing him and his family continued success in their future endeavors.