

Senate Resolution 885

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Payne of the 54th, Rhett of the 33rd, Anderson of the 43rd and Setzler of the 37th

### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Major General Tom Carden, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, on January 11, 2024, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., adjutant general of the  
3 Georgia National Guard, was nominated by President Biden to serve as deputy commander  
4 of U.S. Northern Command and vice commander, U.S. Element, North American Aerospace  
5 Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., was also nominated for appointment to the  
7 rank of lieutenant general; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., became the 43rd Adjutant General of the  
9 Georgia Department of Defense on January 26, 2019, during a ceremony at the Clay National  
10 Guard Center in Marietta, Georgia, by appointment by Governor Brian Kemp; and
- 11 WHEREAS, prior to his current assignment, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., was deputy  
12 commander of NATO's Multi-National Division Southeast in Bucharest, Romania; and

13 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard  
14 as an infantryman in 1986 while a senior in high school and was subsequently commissioned  
15 as a second lieutenant in 1989; and

16 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., graduated from Georgia Southwestern State  
17 University in Americus with a Bachelor of Science in History, a Master of Arts in Human  
18 Resource Management from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri, and a Master of  
19 Science in Strategic Studies from the Army War College; and

20 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., served in the Georgia Army National Guard  
21 as chief of staff; deputy chief of staff for plans, operations and training; and deputy chief for  
22 personnel; and

23 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr.'s, military decorations include the Legion of  
24 Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation  
25 Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal,  
26 the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the  
27 Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge,  
28 and the Parachutist Badge; and

29 WHEREAS, in 2005, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., deployed to Iraq as the effects  
30 coordinator for the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which was deployed in Afghanistan;  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, in January 2015, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., was selected to command the  
33 Georgia Army National Guard and served as Georgia's Assistant Adjutant General-Army,

34 its 14th since the position was created by the passage of the Georgia Military Forces  
35 Reorganization Act of 1955; and

36 WHEREAS, while Major General Tom Carden, Jr., has served in his capacity as the Adjutant  
37 General of the Georgia National Guard based in Cobb County, Georgia, he has become a  
38 beloved citizen and pillar of the community not only serving the men and women of the  
39 Georgia National Guard but the civilians in both the public and private sectors; and

40 WHEREAS, there will be a change of command ceremony on May 4, 2024, and Major  
41 General Richard "Dwayne" Wilson will become Adjutant General of the Georgia National  
42 Guard, following Major General Thomas Carden, Jr.'s, appointment to Deputy Commander  
43 of the United States Northern Command and Vice Commander of the United States Element,  
44 North American Aerospace Defense Command; and

45 WHEREAS, while the Cobb County community is elated for Major General Tom Carden,  
46 Jr., on his promotion and new appointment, the men and women of this great community will  
47 miss the Carden family and remind them they are always welcome to come home to Georgia;  
48 and

49 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of  
50 Major General Tom Carden, Jr., be appropriately recognized and that he be honored for his  
51 dedication, service, and commitment to his country.

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
53 recognize and commend Major General Tom Carden, Jr., for his exemplary military service  
54 and dedication to the State of Georgia and his country and extend best wishes for continued  
55 success as he continues to do what is right to protect these United States of America.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
57 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Army Major  
58 General Tom Carden, Jr., and the Georgia National Guard.