

Senate Resolution 947

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Master Sergeant Timothy J. Noel on the occasion of his  
2 military retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Timothy J. Noel has valiantly and courageously served as a  
7 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force and the  
8 Georgia Air National Guard for 36 years; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Master Sergeant Noel has demonstrated a  
10 deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and willingness to sacrifice his own  
11 personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of others; and

12 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Noel served in the United States Air Force from 1984 to 1988  
13 in the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, where he worked  
14 on the F-111A Aardvark and the EF-111A Raven aircraft; and

15 WHEREAS, in July 1988, he enlisted in the Georgia Air National Guard and was assigned  
16 to the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, most recently, Master Sergeant Noel served as a production superintendent for  
18 E-8C Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System aircraft, 116th Maintenance  
19 Squadron, 116th Air Control Wing at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, over his career defending freedom and liberty, Master Sergeant Noel was  
21 deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Freedom Sentinel, and  
22 Odyssey Dawn; and

23 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Noel is a highly decorated veteran and recipient of numerous  
24 awards and decorations, which include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force  
25 Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air  
26 Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Medal, National Defense  
27 Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on  
28 Terrorism Service Medal; and

29 WHEREAS, only those with great strength, discipline, and a firm resolve achieve positions  
30 of such status, and Master Sergeant Noel has brought great credit to himself, his family, this  
31 state, and this nation through his outstanding performance and dedication; and

32 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human  
33 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
34 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be appropriately  
35 recognized.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
37 recognize and commend Master Sergeant Timothy J. Noel for his effective, unselfish, and  
38 dedicated public service to the State of Georgia and this nation; congratulate him on the  
39 grand occasion of his retirement; and extend the most sincere best wishes for his continued  
40 health and happiness.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
42 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Master Sergeant  
43 Timothy J. Noel.