

HOUSE RESOLUTION 308

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Lloyd Hansen on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals whose patriotism and devotion to their fellow citizens inspires them to a lifetime of public service; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd Hansen is one such noteworthy person who has served with distinction as the Department of Tennessee Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) State Commander since June 2019; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2020, Commander Lloyd Hansen will become Past Commander of the Department of Tennessee VFW, bringing to a close an illustrious tenure of service to numerous veterans across the State; and

WHEREAS, a Vietnam War combat veteran, Commander Hansen served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968, completing tours of duty in the Republic of South Vietnam from January 1964 to August 1965 and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from 1966 to 1967; and

WHEREAS, Commander Lloyd Hansen has selflessly served the VFW for more than two decades and has provided leadership at post, district, and State levels; in June 2017, he was appointed by the Blount County Commission to serve as a member of the Veterans Affairs Committee, which oversees an award-winning Veterans Service office in the county; and

WHEREAS, in June 2019, Lloyd Hansen became the Department of Tennessee Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) State Commander; he is the second Blount Countian to serve in that position, after W.S. "Doc" Barker, who served in 1974-1975. Commander Hansen's goal has been to bridge the gap between the Korean and Vietnam veterans with the needs of the

Iraq and Afghanistan combat veterans, as well as addressing the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and suicide crisis among those who have served in the military; and

WHEREAS, while leading a statewide membership of more than 16,000 combat veterans, Commander Hansen has experienced the additional challenges of carrying out the department's goals and objectives during the COVID-19 pandemic. He and his staff have relied upon Commander Hansen's Marine Corps philosophy: to innovate, adapt, and overcome all challenges in unexpected situations and chaotic environments; and

WHEREAS, Commander Lloyd Hansen has worked with several Veterans Affairs hospitals, and he and his staff have attended congressional hearings and have addressed General Assembly members to speak on behalf of veterans in this State; and

WHEREAS, Commander Hansen exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Commander Lloyd Hansen has devoted his career to public service and is most worthy of our respect and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Lloyd Hansen as he becomes the Past Commander of the Department of Tennessee Veterans of Foreign Wars and extend our deepest gratitude for his devoted service to this State and our nation and wish him much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.