

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 687

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A RESOLUTION to honor Major Van G. Chase, United States Army (Retired), upon receiving the Commander's Award for Public Service.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly recognize those members of the United States military who have served with great honor and a stalwart commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Major Van G. Chase, who will embark on a much-deserved retirement from the United States Army on May 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Major Chase recently received the Commander's Award for Public Service for distinguished service to the United States Army JROTC program during the period August 1997 through May 31, 2016, as the Senior Army Instructor at Northeast High School in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System's JROTC Program; and

WHEREAS, during his more than eighteen-year tenure, Major Chase provided strong, but caring, leadership, coaching, teaching, and mentoring to America's future leaders and was a positive role model for his cadets and the entire student body; his dedication to duty and professionalism reflect great credit on himself, the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade, and the United States Army Cadet Command; and

WHEREAS, Major Chase began his JROTC career at Northeast High School in August 1997 as the Senior Army Instructor (SAI); his selfless service and hard work both as a teacher and a JROTC team coach are noteworthy and commendable; and

WHEREAS, during his eighteen-plus years of service, Major Chase served as the Raider, rifle team, and JLAB coach; as the SAI at Northeast, he hosted the district's largest drill team competition for eleven years; and

WHEREAS, during his extraordinary career, Major Chase also served as the Chief Medical Officer at JCLC, as well as the Assistant S1 and the Science Program instructor; and

WHEREAS, from his first day on duty, Major Chase served faithfully as a valued member of the faculty and the community, as evidenced by his membership on Northeast's Continuous Improvement Team; and

WHEREAS, Major Chase positively shaped the thinking and future of hundreds of cadets through his leadership, mentoring, and coaching; to this day, he remains completely dedicated to his students and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, Major Chase is a true professional committed to teaching and helping cadets succeed in life, and his contributions to his profession and to his community are truly admirable; and

WHEREAS, Major Van G. Chase has served with integrity and commitment, and it is wholly fitting that this General Assembly honor him upon his receipt of this prestigious award as he concludes his distinguished career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Major Van G. Chase, United States Army (Retired), upon receiving the Commander's Award for Public Service and extend our gratitude for his many years of service to the United States of America and our best wishes for his every future happiness and success.

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