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SUMMARY

Commends Brigadier General Julie A. Bentz on being first female officer in history of Oregon Army National Guard to achieve rank of Brigadier General.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Brigadier General Julie A. Bentz received a Reserve Officers' Training Corps commission from Oregon State University in June 1986 and was assigned to active duty as a Nuclear Medical Science Officer, 10th Medical Laboratory, in Landstuhl, Germany; and

Whereas in 1999, General Bentz transferred to the Oregon Army National Guard to assist in the initial stand-up of the 102nd Civil Support Team; and

Whereas General Bentz was selected as the executive officer of the 102nd Civil Support Team from June 2003 to February 2004 before accepting the position of Director of Response Operations for the Homeland Security Council at the White House; and

Whereas in addition to a bachelor's degree in radiological health from Oregon State University, General Bentz holds a master's and a doctorate degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Missouri and a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College at the National Defense University; and

Whereas General Bentz has received more than 15 awards, medals and citations, including the Legion of Merit, which is the sixth medal in order of precedence and is one of only two United States military decorations worn around the neck, the other being the Medal of Honor; and

1 Whereas General Bentz has more than 24 years of service and has held
2 multiple roles, from field work to White House advisor, and has been dis-
3 tinguished as a leader wherever she is assigned; and

4 Whereas on June 24, 2011, General Bentz was promoted to the rank of
5 Brigadier General and assigned as the Director of Strategic Capabilities
6 Policy on the National Security Council in Washington, D.C.; and

7 Whereas General Bentz is the first female officer in the history of the
8 Oregon Army National Guard to achieve the rank of Brigadier General; now,
9 therefore,

10 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

11 That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, com-
12 mend and honor Brigadier General Julie A. Bentz for her service and
13 achievements and for being the first female officer in the history of the
14 Oregon Army National Guard to be promoted to the rank of Brigadier Gen-
15 eral.