

House Concurrent Resolution 28

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

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Recognizes and honors Lieutenant Colonel Herman A. "Mac" MacDonald, Jr. (1929-2022), for his service to his state, country and fellow veterans.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Herman A. "Mac" MacDonald, Jr., was born in Boston,
3 Massachusetts, on November 14, 1929, to Marion Young and Herman Albin MacDonald, Sr.; and

4 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald grew up in Beverly Farms and Marblehead,
5 Massachusetts; and

6 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald's military career began shortly after he graduated from
7 high school in 1948, when he joined the United States Coast Guard Reserve while attending Bryant
8 College in Smithfield, Rhode Island; and

9 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald graduated from Bryant College with Bachelor of Sci-
10 ence degrees in business administration and accounting and became an officer in the United States
11 Marine Corp shortly after; and

12 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald's military duties saw him defending America's interests
13 all around the globe, including in Korea, where he received his Sergeant stripes and was promoted
14 to Second Lieutenant on the same day; in Hawaii, where he met and married his wife, Violet "Vi"
15 Kline; on board the guided missile cruiser the USS Providence, the flagship for the United States
16 Navy's 7th Fleet; and in Camp Pendleton, California, where he became the commanding officer of
17 the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company of the United States Marine Corps; and

18 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald served as an Inspector-Instructor in Binghamton, New
19 York, and at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, New Jersey, where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colo-
20 nel; and

21 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald's next duty station was at Command and Staff College
22 in Quantico, Virginia, and while living in Virginia he received a Master's degree in education from
23 Virginia Tech; and

24 Whereas after Quantico, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald was deployed to Vietnam from 1969 to
25 1970, during which he would serve as part of the highly classified, multi-service United States Spe-
26 cial Operations Unit; and

27 Whereas after Vietnam, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald was transferred to Marine Corps Head-
28 quarters in Washington, D.C., where he became a military aide to Secretary of Housing and Urban
29 Development George Romney, providing critical insight that would help guide the development of
30 the Secretary's policies; and

31 Whereas following his service with Secretary Romney, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald moved to

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1 Toronto, Canada, where he became an instructor at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff Col-
2 lege; and

3 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald returned to the United States in 1976 and retired from
4 the military in 1978; and

5 Whereas by the time of his retirement, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald had earned numerous
6 awards, including the Legion of Merit with Combat V, the Meritorious Service Medal, the National
7 Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal with 5 Stars,
8 the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, the Combat
9 Action Ribbon, the Navy-Marine Corps and Republic of Vietnam Parachute Insignia, Presidential
10 Unit Citations from the United States Army and Marine Corp and various marksmanship badges;
11 and

12 Whereas following his retirement from the military, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald and his
13 family moved to Salem, Oregon, where he began a new career as an educator, working with troubled
14 teenagers in the Salem School District from 1978 to 1985 and as a high school principal until his
15 retirement in 1999; and

16 Whereas following his retirement from education, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald became an
17 advocate for veterans in Oregon, assisting with legislation that led to the development of the
18 Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon and conducting memorial services in Salem at City
19 View Cemetery; and

20 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald was the curator of the Oregon Military Educational
21 Display, a collection of uniforms, medals and other wartime artifacts displayed each year at the
22 Oregon State Capitol and the Oregon State Fair; and

23 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald held positions of leadership in the military community
24 for many years and was a proud member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Marion Post 661, Salem, the
25 Military Order of World Wars and the Military Officers Association of America; and

26 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald passed away on December 19, 2022, at the Edward C.
27 Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon; and

28 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald is survived by his wife of 65 years, his beloved Vi, their
29 children Kevin MacDonald and Kathy Terry and two grandchildren, Greg Publise and Jayson Terry;
30 and

31 Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald's selfless devotion to duty exemplified the spirit and
32 valor of the United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

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

34 That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life of Lieuten-
35 ant Colonel Herman "Mac" MacDonald Jr., and we recognize and honor his dedication to serving
36 his state, his country and his fellow veterans.

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