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SENATE OF PUERTO RICO

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Presented by *Mrs. Arce Ferrer*

RESOLUTION

To extend the warmest congratulations and recognition of the Senate of Puerto Rico to Brigadier General Jefforey A. Smith, in occasion of his visit to Puerto Rico.

EXPOSITION OF MOTIVES

Brigadier General Jefforey A. Smith was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry through ROTC at The Ohio State University in 1983. He started his career with 3rd Brigade and 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as a mortar platoon leader, scout platoon leader, company executive officer and battalion air operations officer.

From 1989-1991, he commanded a rifle company in 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, with service in the first Gulf War in OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM in Iraq. He later served as the Operations Officer (S3) for 2-14 Infantry and 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, followed by a tour as an Infantry Assignment Officer at U.S. Army Personnel Command.

From 1999-2001, he commanded 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division with service in OPERATION JOINT GUARDIAN in Kosovo. Following battalion command, he served as the Division Operations Officer (G3) of the 101st Airborne Division.

From 2003-2005, he commanded 3rd Brigade/505th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division. During brigade command he served in OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in 2003-2004, where he led a Brigade Combat Team of over 5,000 troops in combat. Following brigade command, Brigadier General Smith served as Executive Officer to Commander, United States Central Command from 2005 to 2007.

From 2007-2009, he served as Chief of Staff for 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, New York and as Deputy Commanding General for 10th Mountain Division and Multi-National Division South, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in Iraq. From 2009-1010, Brigadier General Smith served as Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs for the Middle East, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J5), on the Joint Staff in the Department of Defense.

From 2010-2011, he served as the Assistant Commanding General for Police Development, North Atlantic Organization Training Mission – Afghanistan/Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Brigadier General Smith has earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, two Masters Degrees and is a graduate of the United States Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with five Oak Leaf Clusters), Humanitarian Service Medal, Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge (with Star), Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Ranger Tab.

Brigadier General Smith is married to the former Starla Jean Gracy of Crossville, TN. They have two adult children, Captain Robert “Jason” Smith and Lindsey Smith, a daughter-in-law (Kara) and two grandchildren, Gavin and Stella.

The Senate of Puerto Rico congratulates and recognizes the hard work of Brigadier General Jefforey A. Smith and encourages him to continue with his extraordinary commitment.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF PUERTO RICO:

- 1 Section 1.- Extend the warmest congratulations and recognition of the Senate of Puerto
- 2 Rico to Brigadier General Jefforey A. Smith in occasion of his visit to Puerto Rico.
- 3 Section 2.- A copy of this Resolution in the form of parchment, will be given to Brigadier
- 4 General Jefforey A. Smith on March 26, 2012, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 5 Section 3.- This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval