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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 Colonel Vincent Aponte, Past Commander Chapter #1, San Juan, PR, Past DAV Department Commander in occasion of his recognition in the DAV Annual Convention.

EXPOSITION OF MOTIVES

Vincent Aponte serviced three (3) years active duty in the Regular U.S. Army Air Corps during the World War II conflict, which later, the U.S. Air Force. Attended the Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, High Speed Communication & Crypto School and attended other specialized sensitive training receiving a Top Secret Clearance, which he holds up to date. Sgt. Aponte was assigned and served thirteen (13) months in Alaska in charge of the Communication, Cryptography unit and other specialized assignments. Later he was assigned to McCord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Washington where he completed his three years of military service.

In 1980, he joined the Puerto Rico National Guard/State Guard Division with the rank of Major, assigned to the General Staff as G-2, Military Intelligence, and gradually promoted to the rank of Colonel. In September 1996, he received an official notification from the Department of the Army and became the first Inspector General (IG) for the Puerto Rico National Guard & State Guard, and stayed in that position until his retirement in October 2009.

He joined the Disabled American Veterans and upon completing his term as Department Commander in 1978, he and his staff had increase the membership to 8,600 plus members, with twenty one (21) active chapters including the DAV Auxiliary. In addition, he had four National Service Officers assigned to the Department to provide and perform service to approximately

300,000 veterans, which included more than 20,000 disabled veterans. While he was Department Commander, the department prepares a translation of the DAV Membership Pamphlet from English to Spanish, which was approved by National Headquarters. The pamphlet was distributed to various states with Spanish speaking veterans such as New York, California, Florida and New Mexico.

Colonel Aponte is an active member for fifty two years of the Master Mason of Army #87; Masonic 32* KCCCH Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry; member of the Shrine's International and one of the original founders of the Puerto Rico Shiner's Steel Band.

The Senate of Puerto Rico congratulates and recognizes the hard work of Colonel Vincent Aponte.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF PUERTO RICO:

1 Section 1.- Extend the warmest congratulations and recognition of the Senate of Puerto
2 Rico to Colonel Vincent Aponte in occasion of his recognition in the DAV Annual
3 Convention.

4 Section 2.- A copy of this Resolution in the form of parchment, will be given to Colonel
5 Vincent Aponte in Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

6 Section 3.- This Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval