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Introduced by Mr. Rios Santiago

RESOLUTION

To express the recognition of the Senate of Puerto Rico to Lieutenant Colonel Eli Lozano for his exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Army and to our Nation from June 16 2016 to June 01 2018, while serving as the Commander for Rodriguez Army Health Clinic (RAHC) at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico and for his leadership during the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Lieutenant Colonel Eli Lozano is a native of Los Angeles, California. LTC Lozano enlisted into military service in August 1994 and graduated from the US Army Healthcare Specialist Course in January 1995. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2000.

In June 2016, LTC Lozano assumed command of the Rodriguez Army Health Clinic at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, where he leads the Department of Defense Healthcare for Military and Veteran Beneficiaries. In July 2017, he also assumed duties as the new Health Services Administration Consultant to The Army Surgeon General, with the responsibility of overseeing leader and career development policies and mentorship for over 1300 Company Grade Officers worldwide.

During the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, LTC Lozano's direct leadership resulted in island-wide impacts in healthcare delivery, medical operations, medical logistics, liaison coordination, and humanitarian assistance. Notwithstanding catastrophic damage to Rodriguez Army Health Clinic at Fort Buchanan, and despite his staff experiencing overwhelming personal losses with island-wide power and communication outages, LTC Lozano expeditiously established a Fort Buchanan aid station ISO uniformed SMs in all COMPOs and began providing CLVIII resupply to COMPO II/III medical forces as they stood-up ROLE II capabilities.

LTC Lozano's ROLE II capabilities proved to be essential in supporting over 5000 deployed/activated soldiers and providing over 2000 influenza vaccination doses for delivery to all deployed forces from Army North (JFLCC), 3rd ESC, 1st MSC, 1st AD CAB, and 4th ID Sustainment BDE. LTC Lozano also coordinated with JFLCC Surgeon and Fort Buchanan CDR to establish and oversee the Army's MEDLOG distribution center adjacent to RAHC facility, creating multiple rotary-wing LZ footprints, providing pharmacy, work-space and network capability for MEDLOG ops, and executing CLVIII resupply to ROLE III deployed Hospitals, to include the 14th CSH and U.S. Naval Ship COMFORT, for which RAHC resupplied with critically short stocked medications.

Furthermore, LTC Lozano requested and received approval for OPCON of all Army Medicine personnel in PR, substantially adding critical capabilities to RAHC, JFLCC Surgeon Staff, MEDLOG operations, and Food Inspection Teams ISO Federal Government agencies. LTC Lozano's exceptional Hurricane Response efforts and synchronization of Federal & PR Government, public and private sector, VA, and DoD Leaders were highly lauded by the PR Secretary of Health, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, and Senior Military Leadership, as well as ARNORTH CG and Senior Staff in their AAR to MEDCOM.

Commanding the only DoD Clinic in the Caribbean AOR with a 14K COMPO II & III population, LTC Lozano led an aggressive effort ISO of CSAs MRC IV Reset Initiative, developing action plans with Senior Leader Staffs and synchronizing healthcare assets on the island, resulting in the Puerto Rico National Guard in being recognized as the #1 medically ready COMPO II organization in all 50 states and four U.S. Territories. Under his leadership, Rodriguez Army Health Clinic accomplished over 1400 PHAs, to include those that could not be executed by other COMPO II/III assets and contracted organizations, greatly enhancing deployment readiness for real world missions ISO of two COCOMs within the Caribbean AOR.

The Senate of Puerto Rico recognizes Lieutenant Colonel Eli Lozano for his contributions and his leadership during the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, serving as the Commander for Rodriguez Army Health Clinic at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, resulting in island-wide impacts in healthcare delivery, medical operations, medical logistics, liaison coordination, and humanitarian assistance.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF PUERTO RICO:

1 Section 1. - The recognition of the Senate of Puerto Rico are hereby extended
2 to Lieutenant Colonel Eli Lozano for his exceptionally service to the United States
3 Army and to our Nation from June 16 2016 to June 01 2018, while serving as the
4 Commander for Rodriguez Army Health Clinic (RAHC) at Fort Buchanan, Puerto
5 Rico and for his leadership during the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and
6 Maria.

7 Section 2. - Majority Leader, Senator Carmelo Rios Santiago shall deliver a
8 copy of this Resolution, in parchment scroll, to Lieutenant Colonel Eli Lozano.

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