**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TSGT) ELIZABETH LEIGH RICHARDSON UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, TO COMMEND HER FOR TWENTY‑TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED MILITARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER EVERY HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the Senate have learned that Technical Sergeant (TsGT) Elizabeth Leigh Richardson of Sumter, S.C. will be retiring from the United States Air Force on September 1, 2010; and

Whereas, born in Sumter, S.C. in 1970, Leigh graduated from Spring Valley High School in 1989, earned an Associates Degree in Human Resources/Personnel Administration from the Community College of the Air Force at the Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama in 2005, and completed the NCO Academy at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado in 2005; and

Whereas, over her distinguished career, she has been assigned to many duty stations, among them Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where she completed her basic training in 1988, and Kessler Air Force Base, Mississippi, where she completed the Air Force’s Personnel Specialist Technical School in 1988; and

Whereas, her many stateside assignments include Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota (1991-93); Shaw Air Force Base (1994-97); the University of South Carolina Air Force ROTC (1998-2003); Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; Hill Air Force Base, Utah (2003-07); and her most current duty station, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Air Force ROTC (2007-present); and

Whereas, her many other assignments have sent her overseas to Incirlik Air Base in Turkey (1988-89); Torrejon Air Base in Spain (1989-91); and Stuttgart USAG, Germany (2006-07); and

Whereas, her many military accomplishments, decorations, and awards include:

Air Force Commendation Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Good Conduct Medal (with 7 Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster)

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long

Air Force Longevity Service (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters)

U.S.A.F. NCO PME Graduate Ribbon (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters)

Air Force Training Ribbon; and

Whereas, Leigh has a long family history of military service, as her husband, Rich Richardson, retired from the Air Force, her grandfather, Joseph D. Firmanik, retired from the Marines as a Master Sergeant, and her brother, David Brunson, has served sixteen years as a First Sergeant in the United States Army Reserve and continues in this capacity; and

Whereas, she and her husband, Rich, are the proud parents of two lovely daughters, Janie, age fourteen, and McKenzie, age ten; and the members of the Senate wish to also recognize and thank Rich, Janie, and McKenzie for their love, support, and sacrifices which have played a huge role in Leigh’s success in the Air Force; and

Whereas, having answered the call of her country, Elizabeth Leigh Richardson will be remembered with affection and gratitude by the many whose lives she enriched as a servicewoman for years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, congratulate Technical Sergeant (TsGT) Elizabeth Leigh Richardson upon the occasion of her retirement from the United States Air Force, to commend her for twenty‑two years of dedicated military service, and to wish her every happiness and success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to TsGT Elizabeth Leigh Richardson.

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