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*Whereas, the people of this great State are extremely proud of the dedicated and valiant efforts by the men and women of America's armed forces;*

*Whereas, America mourns the loss of one of its great military heroes with the passing of retired Air Force Lieutenant General James T. Callaghan;*

*Whereas, an Indianapolis resident since 1993, Lieutenant General Callaghan lost his courageous, year-long fight with cancer on February 15, 2001;*

*Whereas, until his retirement in 1993, Lieutenant General Callaghan wore the Air Force blue for 35 years, bravely serving his country in several different and distinguished capacities;*

*Whereas, during his service in Vietnam, Lieutenant General Callaghan earned the Silver Star for his heroic fight to save the lives of thirty ground troops while flying an airplane with one arm and using the other arm to fire a machine gun to ward off the attacking enemy;*

*Whereas, also while serving in Vietnam, Lieutenant General Callaghan participated in a parachute jump behind enemy lines, earning the Bronze Star for his bravery during this dangerous mission;*



*Whereas, Lieutenant General Callaghan subsequently commanded the United States air troops in Korea, serving as chief of staff for the United Nations command in the late 1980s;*

*Whereas, Lieutenant General Callaghan further distinguished himself as the southern commander of NATO Allied Air Forces during the Gulf War, directing air operations from Gibraltar to Turkey, and personally flying a test combat mission;*

*Whereas, in addition to his Silver Star and his Bronze Star combat medals, Lieutenant General Callaghan has also been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross;*

*Whereas, Colonel J. Stewart Goodwin, executive support staff officer for the Indiana Air National Guard, stated the following about his longtime friend: "He had a presence about him as a leader. He was one of those guys that you know why he was a general. He was always thinking about people, and wanted to make sure they were well taken care of. When you talked to him, he was no-nonsense. He was very serious about the military; he'd made it his life."; and*

*Whereas, son James Callaghan, III, also remembered his father as "a man of great moral courage. He led a life of values that just inspired people to follow him." Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1           SECTION 1. That the people of Indiana pay tribute and their last  
2 respects to former Indiana native and American hero, retired Lieutenant  
3 General James T. Callaghan, for his lifetime of dedicated and valiant  
4 service to our great nation.

5           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
6 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Lieutenant General Callaghan's  
7 widow, Ann Harwood; children, James T. Callaghan, III, D. Christian  
8 Callaghan, and Elizabeth Cooke; mother, Ruth Callaghan; brothers,



- 1 John Callaghan, William Callaghan, Patrick Callaghan, and Michael
- 2 Callaghan; and sister, Ruth Tushkowski.

