

1 National Guard tuition assistance program - 43% of Guard members
2 either have a degree or are in college; and

3 Whereas, Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett, during his tenure,
4 secured more than \$800 million dollars to modernize National Guard
5 facilities and add infrastructure around the state; and

6 Whereas, Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett developed the Joint
7 Interagency Training and Education Center, which includes the
8 Memorial Tunnel complex on the West Virginia Turnpike and training
9 facilities at Camp Dawson - nationally-renowned homeland defense
10 programs that provide training for emergency responders around the
11 world; and

12 Whereas, Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett served during the
13 administrations of five governors of both political parties; and

14 Whereas, Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett is currently the
15 longest serving adjutant general in the nation and the longest
16 serving in state history; and

17 Whereas, Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett was recently named
18 both a Distinguished West Virginian by the Governor and West
19 Virginian of the Year by the *Charleston Gazette*; and

20 Whereas, Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett was often referred
21 to by the late Senator Robert C. Byrd as "the greatest general
22 since Hannibal"; and

23 Whereas, Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett created
24 "generational change" in the National Guard and West Virginia, and

1 is described by West Virginia Guard members as "a soldier's
2 general"; therefore, be it

3 *Resolved by the Senate:*

4 That the Senate hereby honors Adjutant General Allen E.
5 Tackett for his service and dedication to his state and his
6 country; and, be it

7 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward
8 a copy of this resolution to Adjutant General Allen E. Tackett.