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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring General Martin E. Dempsey upon the occasion of his nomination as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor General Martin E. Dempsey upon the occasion of his nomination as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and

WHEREAS, On Monday, May 30, 2011, President Barack Obama nominated General Martin E. Dempsey to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and

WHEREAS, During his 36 years of service in the United States Army, General Martin E. Dempsey has served in a variety of professionally rewarding and developmental positions in both the generating and operating force; and

WHEREAS, Following graduation from the United States Military Academy in 1974, General Martin E. Dempsey received his commission as an Armor Officer; as a company grade officer, he served with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment in United States Army Europe and with the 10th Cavalry at Fort Carson; and

WHEREAS, Following troop command, General Martin E. Dempsey earned his Masters of Arts in English from Duke University and was subsequently assigned to the English Department at the United States Military Academy at West Point where he served as an Instructor and Assistant Professor; he also earned masters degrees from the Command and General Staff College (1987) and National War College (1995); and

WHEREAS, In 1991, General Martin E. Dempsey deployed with the Third

Armored Division in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; he then served in the Human Resources Command as the Armor Branch Chief, and from 1996-1998 as the 67th Colonel of the Third Armored Cavalry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, In addition, General Martin E. Dempsey served on the Joint Staff as an Assistant Deputy Director in J-5 and as Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.; from September 2001 to June 2003, he served in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in a training and advisory role as the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2003, General Dempsey took command of the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad, Iraq; after 14 months in Iraq, he redeployed his division to Germany and completed his command tour in July of 2005; he then deployed to Iraq again for two years in August 2005 to train and equip the Iraqi Security Forces as Commanding General of MNSTC-I; and

WHEREAS, From August 2007 through October 2008, General Martin E. Dempsey served as the Deputy Commander and then Acting Commander of United States Central Command; most recently he commanded the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command; and

WHEREAS, General Martin E. Dempsey's awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with "V" Device, the Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, General Dempsey and his wife, Deanie, are the proud parents of three children: Chris, Megan, and Caitlin; each of whom has served in

the United States Army; they have three wonderful grandchildren: Kayla and MacKenna by Chris and daughter-in-law Julie, and Luke by Caitlin and son-in-law Shane; daughter, Megan and her husband Kory are expecting

twins this summer; and

WHEREAS, In all his official acts, General Martin E. Dempsey has been governed by a sense of loyalty, duty and honor that allowed him to be a natural leader; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his extraordinary and outstanding military service career, General Martin E. Dempsey has earned the respect, admiration, esteem and affection of his fellow members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and of his friends, family and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor General Martin E. Dempsey upon the occasion of his nomination as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to General Martin E. Dempsey.