

House Resolution 1707

By: Representatives Anulewicz of the 42nd, Seabaugh of the 34th, Stoner of the 40th, Parsons of the 44th, Wilkerson of the 38th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Major General Tom Carden, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, on January 11, 2024, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., adjutant general of the
3 Georgia National Guard, was nominated by President Joe Biden to serve as deputy
4 commander of United States Northern Command and vice commander, United States
5 Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base,
6 Colorado; and

7 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., was also nominated for appointment to the
8 rank of lieutenant general; and

9 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., became the 43rd Adjutant General of the
10 Georgia Department of Defense on January 26, 2019, during a ceremony at the Clay National
11 Guard Center in Marietta, Georgia, by appointment by Governor Brian Kemp; and

12 WHEREAS, prior to his current assignment, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., was deputy
13 commander of NATO's Multi- National Division Southeast in Bucharest, Romania; and

14 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard
15 as an infantryman in 1986 while a senior in high school and was subsequently commissioned
16 as a second lieutenant in 1989; and

17 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., graduated from Georgia Southwestern State
18 University in Americus with a Bachelor of Science in History, a Master of Arts in Human
19 Resource Management from Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri, and a Master of
20 Science in Strategic Studies from the Army War College; and

21 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., served in the Georgia Army National Guard
22 as chief of staff; deputy chief of staff for plans, operations, and training; and deputy chief for
23 personnel; and

24 WHEREAS, Major General Tom Carden, Jr.'s, military decorations include the Legion of
25 Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation
26 Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal,
27 the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the
28 Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge,
29 and the Parachutist Badge; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2005, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., deployed to Iraq as the effects
31 coordinator for the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, which was deployed in Afghanistan;
32 and

33 WHEREAS, in January 2015, Major General Tom Carden, Jr., was selected to command the
34 Georgia Army National Guard and served as Georgia's Assistant Adjutant General-Army,

35 its 14th since the position was created by the passage of the Georgia Military Forces
36 Reorganization Act of 1955; and

37 WHEREAS, while Major General Tom Carden, Jr., has served in his capacity as the Adjutant
38 General of the Georgia National Guard based in Cobb County, Georgia, he has become a
39 beloved citizen and pillar of the community not only serving the men and women of the
40 Georgia National Guard but the civilians in both the public and private sectors; and

41 WHEREAS, there will be a change of command ceremony on May 4, 2024, and Major
42 General Richard "Dwayne" Wilson will become Adjutant General of the Georgia National
43 Guard, following Major General Thomas Carden, Jr.'s, appointment to Deputy Commander
44 of the United States Northern Command and Vice Commander of the United States Element,
45 North American Aerospace Defense Command; and

46 WHEREAS, while the Cobb County community is elated for Major General Tom Carden,
47 Jr., on his promotion and new appointment, the men and women of this great community will
48 miss the Carden family and remind them they are always welcome to come home to Georgia;
49 and

50 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of
51 Major General Tom Carden, Jr., be appropriately recognized and that he be honored for his
52 dedication, service, and commitment to his country.

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
54 the members of this body recognize and commend Major General Tom Carden, Jr., for his
55 exemplary military service and dedication to the State of Georgia and his country and extend

56 best wishes for continued success as he continues to do what is right to protect these United
57 States of America.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
59 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Army
60 Major General Tom Carden, Jr., and the Georgia National Guard.