

House Resolution 477

By: Representatives Blackmon of the 146th, Ballard of the 147th, Thomas of the 21st, Bonner of the 73rd, Holcomb of the 81st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Major General Thomas F. Grabowski upon the grand occasion
2 of his retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Major General Thomas F. Grabowski has honorably served as the assistant
4 adjutant general - air, Georgia National Guard, and commander of the Georgia Air National
5 Guard since February 2019, leading 2,900 members serving on an air staff, in two flying
6 wings, seven geographically separated units, and an Air Dominance Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Major General Grabowski enlisted in the Georgia Air National Guard in 1985
8 and has risen through the enlisted and officer ranks as a leader of distinction and excellence,
9 culminating into an extensive career that includes command tours at the flight, squadron, and
10 wing levels; and

11 WHEREAS, Major General Grabowski has more than 2,700 flying hours, including more
12 than 1,700 combat hours in the E-8C, and has received many decorations and awards, such
13 as the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and Air Force Commendation
14 Medal; and

15 WHEREAS, Major General Grabowski meritoriously led our state's airmen through some
16 of the most unprecedented and tumultuous times during the COVID-19 pandemic response
17 and civic unrest, enabling the longest domestic operations response in the state's history and
18 setting a national benchmark for procedures; and

19 WHEREAS, through his dynamic leadership and tireless advocacy, Major General
20 Grabowski successfully secured the long-term viability of Air Force Guard missions in the
21 state with the acquisition of two new cutting-edge missions for the 116th Air Control Wing
22 in Warner Robins and the recapitalization of the C-130 aircraft for the 165th Airlift Wing in
23 Savannah, all while staving off the closure of the Savannah Combat Readiness Training
24 Center; and

25 WHEREAS, the Georgia Air National Guard attained 100 percent end strength for the first
26 time in four decades under Major General Grabowski's leadership, demonstrating Georgia's
27 ability to maintain the highest levels of readiness needed to fulfill National Defense Strategy
28 priorities.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body express their sincerest gratitude and deepest appreciation to Major
31 General Thomas F. Grabowski for his dedication to the Georgia Air National Guard and for
32 his 38 years of loyal service to the State of Georgia as well as wish him the best in his
33 retirement.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Major
36 General Thomas F. Grabowski.