

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 856

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Major General Lester Simpson, who has retired after more than 36 years of outstanding service with the United States Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Major General Simpson was commissioned in 1980 through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at The University of Texas at Arlington; he holds a master's degree in Strategic Studies and is a graduate of the CAPSTONE General and Flag Officer Course in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his distinguished military career, he held numerous leadership and command positions; he served as commander of the 3rd Battalion, 144th Infantry Regiment, and of the 142nd Rear Operations Center; in 2011, he commanded the 176th Engineer Brigade during major combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, He went on to serve as assistant adjutant general of the Texas Army National Guard, as special assistant to the director of the Army National Guard, and as commander of the 36th Infantry Division; his many awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary officer, he is respected and admired by his fellow officers and enlisted personnel alike, and it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition for his exceptional service to the nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Major General Lester Simpson on his exceptional service as an officer in the United States Army National Guard and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 23, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate