



H.RES. 944 – Honoring the service and accomplishments of Lieutenant General Russel L. Honore, United States Army, for his 37 years of service on behalf of the United States

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 944 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative David Scott (D-GA) on January 28, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services but was never considered.

H.Res. 944 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on February, 25 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 944 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors Lieutenant General Honore for his 37 years of service on behalf of the United States;
- Commends Lieutenant General Honore for his dedication and commitment to the Army and his leadership in the post-Katrina recovery effort; and
- Recognizes Lieutenant General Honore as a soldier, commander, and leader and for displaying throughout his distinguished military service the highest levels of leadership, professional competence, integrity, and courage.

BACKGROUND

Lieutenant General Russel L. Honore is a native of Lakeland, Louisiana. He graduated from Southern University and A&M College in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in vocational agriculture and, upon graduation, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

In addition to having served in a number of infantry command positions in the Army, Lieutenant General Honore served as vice director for operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as the deputy commanding general and assistant commandant of the United States Army Infantry Center and School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and as assistant division commander, maneuver/support for the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas. He commanded the First United States Army, and was responsible for the training and deployment of 500,000 National Guardsmen and reserve service members. Lieutenant General Honore led the Joint Task Force Katrina following the hurricane's destruction of the Gulf Coast in 2005, where he commanded all active-duty troops from all military branches dedicated to the storm recovery operations.

Awards and decorations received by Lieutenant General Honore include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Lieutenant General Honore and his wife Beverly have four children, Stephanie, Kimberly, Stephen, and Michael. Michael has served in Iraq as an Army sergeant.

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