ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 70

By: Hobson and Capps of the Senate

and

Wells of the House

A Concurrent Resolution honoring the memory and military career of General LaVern E. Weber; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, LaVern E. Weber was born on September 3, 1923, in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma. After graduating from high school he attended the University of Oklahoma and the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. LaVern Weber graduated from East Central State College in Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1948; and

WHEREAS, in World War II, LaVern E. Weber served in both the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and active duty, during which time he was commissioned a second lieutenant. In 1948, he joined the 45th Infantry Division of the Oklahoma Army National Guard. LaVern Weber served on active combat duty in Korea and was promoted to the rank of Major; and

WHEREAS, LaVern E. Weber graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and was promoted to lieutenant colonel. In 1964, he was appointed Oklahoma Army National Guard Chief of Staff and promoted to colonel. LaVern Weber was appointed State Adjutant General of Oklahoma, the top position in Oklahoma's Army and Air National Guard, and was promoted to major general; and

WHEREAS, General LaVern E. Weber became Director of the U.S. Army National Guard in 1971. He was selected as Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. in 1974. In that position General Weber was promoted to Lieutenant General in 1979. He was

the first National Guard Bureau Chief to be promoted to three-star general; and

WHEREAS, General LaVern E. Weber served as Deputy Commanding General of Mobilization Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command in 1982. He then served as the Military Executive of the Defense Department Reserves Policy Board; and

WHEREAS, retiring after 42 years of military service, General LaVern E. Weber was appointed as Executive Director of the National Guard Association of the United States, a position he held for nine years; and

WHEREAS, General LaVern E. Weber's decorations included the Distinguished Service Medals from both the U.S. Army and Air Force, the Legion of Merit and the combat infantry badge. The Lavern E. Weber Professional Education Center, the national training center for the U.S. Army National Guard, is named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, LaVern E. Weber died on December 30, 1999, as the result of a tragic accident at his ranch near Perry, Oklahoma. General Weber was buried at Union Soldiers Cemetery at the 45th Infantry Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature honors the memory and military career of General LaVern E. Weber.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to General LaVern E. Weber's wife, Marlene Weber; the 45th Infantry Museum; the National Guard Association of the United States; and the Lavern E. Weber Professional Education Center.

Adopted by the Senate the 6th day of March, 2000.

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President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives