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Senate Resolution No. 5692

BY: Senator LARKIN

COMMENDING Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr., the 59th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 43 years of distinguished service to the United States Army and to this great Nation on June 22, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr., the 59th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 43 years of distinguished service to the United States Army and to this great Nation on June 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr. graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1975; he furthered his education by obtaining his master's degrees from both Long Island University and Kansas State University; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr.'s distinguished career, he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army in numerous capacities including Commander of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, which oversees the Command and General Staff College and 17 other schools, centers, and training programs located throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he served as the Commanding General of both the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and the Multi-National Division-North during Operation Iraqi Freedom; Commandant of Cadets for the United States Military Academy; Deputy Director for the War on Terrorism, J-5, The Joint Staff; Assistant Division Commander (maneuver), 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized); Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain Division (Light); Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force Mountain during Operation Enduring Freedom; Commander, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Chief of Staff, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Senior Brigade C2 Observer/Controller, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center; Commander, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light); Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander in Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy; J-3 in Honduras for Joint Task Force Bravo; Brigade Operations Officer, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); and Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm; as well as Chief of the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, On July 17, 2013, Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr. assumed the position of 59th Superintendent of the United States

Military Academy at West Point, the title from which he will officially retire on June 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service, Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr. was the recipient of numerous awards and decorations such as the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr. also earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and is Airborne, Air Assault, and Ranger qualified; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, and their three children, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr. over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr., the 59th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 43 years of distinguished service to the United States Army and to this great Nation on June 22, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen, Jr.