

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

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1 A House Resolution honoring Major General Warren G.
2 Lawson, recommending Major General Warren G. Lawson
3 for the Iowa Medal of Valor, and designating a Major
4 General Warren G. Lawson Day.

5 WHEREAS, Major General Warren G. Lawson entered the
6 United States Army as an infantry second lieutenant
7 upon completion of the University of Iowa Reserve
8 Training Corps Program and after an outstanding career
9 on the University of Iowa football team; and

10 WHEREAS, Major General Lawson retired from active
11 service in the United States Army in 1979 to return to
12 his home and to become the Iowa National Guard Deputy
13 Adjutant General, and to subsequently be appointed as
14 the Iowa National Guard Adjutant General in 1985; and

15 WHEREAS, Major General Lawson has provided
16 exceptional leadership for members of the Iowa Army
17 National Guard and the Iowa Air National Guard through
18 the Iowa National Guard's years of greatest
19 operational readiness and activity in its history,
20 with Major General Lawson's leadership being
21 recognized by his tenure as President of the Adjutant
22 General's Association from 1995 to 1997; and

23 WHEREAS, under Major General Lawson's leadership,
24 the operational readiness of the Iowa National Guard
25 units across the state achieved record heights, and
26 members of the Iowa Army National Guard and Iowa Air
27 National Guard were deployed to serve in the Persian
28 Gulf War and the Bosnian peacekeeping mission, and to
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1 enforce the North Atlantic Treaty Organization "no-
2 fly" zones over Northern and Southern Iraq, each time
3 bringing great pride and credit to Iowa and the United
4 States; and

5 WHEREAS, Major General Lawson directed countless
6 state active duty operations, including the deployment
7 of 4,600 Iowa National Guardsmen during the record-
8 setting floods of 1993, thereby reducing the negative
9 effects of the many emergencies and disasters on the
10 citizens of Iowa; and

11 WHEREAS, Major General Lawson has been a driving
12 force in the establishment of a nationwide distance
13 learning network, as well as the establishment of the
14 United States Army's National Maintenance Training
15 Center and the youth-oriented STARBASE Program at Camp
16 Dodge; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
18 That the General Assembly recommends to the Governor
19 that the Iowa Medal of Valor be presented to Major
20 General Warren G. Lawson; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Assembly
22 designates June 14, 1999, as Major General Warren G.
23 Lawson Day in honor and recognition of Major General
24 Lawson's dedicated and selfless service to Iowa and
25 the United States.

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