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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

By DEARDEN

A Senate Resolution honoring Major General Warren G. Lawson, recommending Major General Warren G. Lawson for the Iowa Medal of Valor, and designating a Major General Warren G. Lawson Day.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, under Major General Lawson's leadership, the operational readiness of the Iowa National Guard units across the state achieved record heights, and members of the Iowa Army National Guard and Iowa Air National Guard were deployed to serve in the Persian 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 SENATE, That the General
18 Assembly recommends to the Governor that the Iowa
19 Medal of Valor be presented to Major General Warren G.
20 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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