



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN HONOR OF MASTER SERGEANT CHRISTINE JASTCZEMSKI'S RETIREMENT FROM THE ARMY RESERVE AFTER MORE THAN 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, after graduating from Moraine Valley Community College and the Defense Information School, Master Sergeant Christine Jastczemski enlisted in the Army Reserve as a Private (PV2) on March 12, 1990; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski's first assignment was with the 318th Press Camp Headquarters as a Broadcast Journalist; and

WHEREAS, in the multi-national exercise known as Returning of Forces to Germany (REFORGER), MSG Jastczemski demonstrated her skills in photography and instructed Communication skills to foreign nationals, and was captured on videotape with President Clinton addressing the Boy Scouts at the National Boy Scout Jamboree; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski was promoted into the 93rd Psychological Operation (PSYOP) Company, later to become the 17th PSYOP Battalion, and was selected as a Media Team Leader for Cobra Gold, where she created a 21-day lesson plan to teach Thai soldiers how to develop a storyboard, record, collect and edit both A and B roll(s) and document significant training throughout the exercise; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski was promoted into the 85th Division (Training Support), as a Public Affairs Specialist and writer for the "Custer Dispatch" later to become the "Custer Spirit;" and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski was mobilized in 2005 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom as the 181st Infantry Brigade, Chief, Public Affairs, where she instructed Public Affairs techniques to over 1,500 soldiers; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski was the layout Editor and Chief Editor of the 181st BDE Newsletter, instructor for Unit Public Affairs Representatives and a Unit Victims Advocate; and

WHEREAS, her last assignment was with the 2nd Battalion, 339th Regiment as Chief Instructor, Safety NCOIC and Public Affairs Officer under the Special Staff, Command Section

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Christine Jastczemski is retiring after more than 25 years of service in the Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, MSG Jastczemski's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Star, Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Award (3rd Award), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Overseas Ribbon (2), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon (2nd Award), Army Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/20 year Gold Hourglass with M Device, Expeditionary Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and her most notable honorable W/M coin awarded from the Secretary of the Army while working with the Army Corps of Engineers during the downtown Chicago Flood in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Christine is an avid lover of animals, a caregiver for two horses (Tiffany and Allah) and now three rescued dogs (Lexi, Bo and Scout) at her home in Palos Hills; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cook County Board of Commissioners congratulate Christine Jastczemski on her retirement from the United States Army Reserve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this text be spread upon the official proceedings of the Honorable Body, and an official copy be tendered to MSG Christine Jastczemski in appreciation and acknowledgement of her dedicated service to the United States of America and her local community.