

**Enrolled**  
**House Concurrent Resolution 28**

Sponsored by Representative EVANS; Representative GRAYBER, Senator MANNING JR

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel Herman A. “Mac” MacDonald, Jr., was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 14, 1929, to Marion Young and Herman Albin MacDonald, Sr.; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald grew up in Beverly Farms and Marblehead, Massachusetts; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald’s military career began shortly after he graduated from high school in 1948, when he joined the United States Coast Guard Reserve while attending Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald graduated from Bryant College with Bachelor of Science degrees in business administration and accounting and became an officer in the United States Marine Corps shortly after; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald’s military duties saw him defending America’s interests all around the globe, including in Korea, where he received his Sergeant stripes and was promoted to Second Lieutenant on the same day; in Hawaii, where he met and married his wife, Violet “Vi” Kline; on board the guided missile cruiser the USS Providence, the flagship for the United States Navy’s 7th Fleet; and in Camp Pendleton, California, where he became the commanding officer of the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company of the United States Marine Corps; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald served as an Inspector-Instructor in Binghamton, New York, and at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, New Jersey, where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald’s next duty station was at Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia, and while living in Virginia he received a Master’s degree in education from Virginia Tech; and

Whereas after Quantico, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald was deployed to Vietnam from 1969 to 1970, during which he would serve as part of the highly classified, multi-service United States Special Operations Unit; and

Whereas after Vietnam, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald was transferred to Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he became a military aide to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney, providing critical insight that would help guide the development of the Secretary’s policies; and

Whereas following his service with Secretary Romney, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald moved to Toronto, Canada, where he became an instructor at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald returned to the United States in 1976 and retired from the military in 1978; and

Whereas by the time of his retirement, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald had earned numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit with Combat V, the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal with 5 Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy-Marine Corps and Republic of Vietnam Parachute Insignia, Presidential Unit Citations from the United States Army and Marine Corps and various marksmanship badges; and

Whereas following his retirement from the military, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald and his family moved to Salem, Oregon, where he began a new career as an educator, working with troubled teenagers in the Salem School District from 1978 to 1985 and as a high school principal until his retirement in 1999; and

Whereas following his retirement from education, Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald became an advocate for veterans in Oregon, assisting with legislation that led to the development of the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon and conducting memorial services in Salem at City View Cemetery; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald was the curator of the Oregon Military Educational Display, a collection of uniforms, medals and other wartime artifacts displayed each year at the Oregon State Capitol and the Oregon State Fair; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald held positions of leadership in the military community for many years and was a proud member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Marion Post 661, Salem, the Military Order of World Wars and the Military Officers Association of America; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald passed away on December 19, 2022, at the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald is survived by his wife of 65 years, his beloved Vi, their children Kevin MacDonald and Kathy Terry and two grandchildren, Greg Publise and Jayson Terry; and

Whereas Lieutenant Colonel MacDonald's selfless devotion to duty exemplified the spirit and valor of the United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life of Lieutenant Colonel Herman "Mac" MacDonald, Jr., and we recognize and honor his dedication to serving his state, his country and his fellow veterans.

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Adopted by House April 13, 2023

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate June 21, 2023

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate