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To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND ANTOINETTE "TONI" GANT FOR PROMOTION
2 TO BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

3 WHEREAS, we join the citizens of Port Gibson and the State of
4 Mississippi in congratulating Antoinette "Toni" Gant for her
5 outstanding achievement of being promoted to the title of
6 Brigadier General in the United States Army; and

7 WHEREAS, Antoinette 'Toni' Gant, a Port Gibson native, was
8 promoted to Brigadier General (BG) in the United States Army on
9 October 28, 2022; and

10 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant is the first African American
11 female to serve as a division commander in the United States Army
12 Corps of Engineers, as well as the first on active duty to reach
13 the rank of Brigadier General in the history of the Engineer
14 Regiment; and

15 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant was pinned officially in the
16 Donald Clarke Juvenile Justice and Psychology Building at Prairie
17 View A&M University in Texas, where she participated in the Army
18 ROTC and graduated in 1994 as a Distinguished Military Graduate



19 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a commission
20 in the Engineer Regiment; and

21 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant is the fourth female
22 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) graduate to
23 achieve the Brigadier General rank; and

24 WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021, Brigadier General Gant became the
25 Commander and Division Engineer of the South Pacific Division
26 (SPD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Established in 1888 and
27 headquartered in San Francisco, SPD is one of nine Corps regional
28 commands, encompassing all or part of ten states, with four
29 operating districts headquartered in Albuquerque, Los Angeles,
30 Sacramento and San Francisco; and

31 WHEREAS, as the SPD Commander and Division Engineer,
32 Brigadier General Gant is responsible for leading a workforce of
33 more than 2,500 military and civilians, overseeing hundreds of
34 water resource development, military and interagency design and
35 construction projects valued at more than \$16 billion in support
36 of our communities, our nation, and our warfighters; and

37 WHEREAS, in 2012, Brigadier General Gant sent a
38 congratulatory letter to Brigadier General Margaret Burcham on her
39 promotion as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' first female
40 General Officer, beginning a relationship that has culminated in
41 Gant gaining her mentor's star; and

42 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant holds a Master of Science in
43 Engineer Management from Missouri University of Science and



44 Technology in Rolla, Missouri, and a Master of Science in National
45 Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School, National
46 Defense University, in Washington, D.C. She is also a certified
47 Project Management Professional; and

48 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant has served in a variety of
49 command and staff positions for engineering units stateside and
50 abroad. Prior to South Pacific Division, Gant was Commander of
51 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Border District
52 from July 2020 to June 2021. She previously served as combined
53 joint engineer for the Resolute Support and OFS headquarters,
54 Kabul, Afghanistan; military assistant to the Assistant Secretary
55 of the Army-Civil Works, Washington, D.C.; Chief of Operations for
56 the Engineer Directorate, U.S. Army South, Fort Sam Houston, San
57 Antonio, Texas; and Director for the Directorates of Public Works
58 and Installation Support, ASG-Kuwait; and

59 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant also served as the Executive
60 Officer for Special Troops Battalion and Brigade Engineer, 4BCT,
61 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. Other Army Corps of
62 Engineers assignments include Brigadier General Gant serving as
63 the Commander for both the Albuquerque and Louisville Districts.
64 She has deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation
65 Enduring Freedom, and Operation Freedom Sentinel; and

66 WHEREAS, a strong advocate for STEM, Brigadier General Gant
67 has worked to develop partnerships with agencies and organizations
68 to promote science, technology, engineering, and math initiatives.



69 She has received several national and community awards, including
70 the 2021 Black Engineer of the Year Conference Awards (BEYA), Army
71 Stars and Stripes Award, 2020 Women of Color Career Achievement in
72 Government Award, YWCA Women on the Move Award, Women of Influence
73 in Government by Albuquerque Business First, BEYA Special
74 Recognition Award, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., South
75 Central Region Visionary Leader and Global Leader Awards. She is
76 an initiate of the Zeta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha
77 Sorority at Prairie View A&M University; and

78 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant's military awards and
79 decorations include: two Legion of Merit decorations, Defense
80 Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and seven
81 Meritorious Service Medals. She is also a recipient of the Army
82 Staff Identification Badge, Recruiter Badge, and Army Engineer
83 Association Bronze and Silver de Fleury Medals. She also received
84 the National Defense Service Medal (one Bronze Service Star),
85 Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, NATO
86 Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and three Overseas Service Ribbon
87 (Numeral 3); and

88 WHEREAS, Brigadier General Gant is married to Leonard Gant of
89 Kansas City, Missouri. They have two children, Lauryn, a
90 third-year doctoral veterinary medicine student at Tuskegee
91 University, and Leonard II, a sophomore at Florida A&M University
92 studying Business Administration with a concentration in Supply
93 Chain Management:



94 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
95 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby recognize Antoinette "Toni" Gant of
96 Port Gibson, and commend her for her promotion to Brigadier
97 General in the U.S. Army. We extend the best wishes of the
98 Mississippi Senate to her future success.

99 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to
100 Brigadier General Gant and her family, and made available to the
101 Capitol Press Corps.

