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**H. RES. 1629**

Honoring the service and accomplishments of Colonel Steve Buyer, United States Army Reserve, on the occasion of his retirement from the Army Reserve.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SHIMKUS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION**

Honoring the service and accomplishments of Colonel Steve Buyer, United States Army Reserve, on the occasion of his retirement from the Army Reserve.

Whereas Colonel Steve Buyer, United States Army Reserve, was born on November 26, 1958, in Rensselaer, Indiana, and is the son of Dr. John and Jean Buyer;

Whereas Colonel Buyer graduated as a distinguished military graduate from The Citadel, in 1980 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration;

Whereas Colonel Buyer was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve as a Medical Service Corps Officer and is a graduate of the Medical Service Corps Officer's Basic Course;

Whereas Colonel Buyer graduated from Valparaiso Law School, Indiana, in 1984, with a Juris Doctorate degree and has been admitted to the Bar of Indiana and Virginia;

Whereas following his graduation from law school, Colonel Buyer joined the Judge Advocate General Corps and was called to active duty in 1984 for a period of three years;

Whereas Colonel Buyer is a graduate of the Officer Basic Course, the Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course, the Judge Advocate Claims Course, the Judge Advocate Officer Advanced Course, and the Command and General Staff College;

Whereas Colonel Buyer, as a Staff Judge Advocate officer at Ft. Eustis, Virginia, also served as the Special Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia;

Whereas Colonel Buyer served with the 310th TAACOM as one of the United States Army liaisons to the National Territorial Command during EXERCISE REFORGER in the Netherlands and Belgium and participated in three REFORGER exercises in Germany with the 21st TAACOM;

Whereas, in the fall of 1990, Colonel Buyer was called to active duty on three-days notice to participate in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, serving as an Operational Law Judge Advocate and providing legal advice to forward-deployed combat service support units within the combat zone of operations;

Whereas, in addition to other duties during his deployment in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Colonel Buyer provided legal advice to the Commander, 22nd Support

Command and was assigned to the Western Enemy Prisoner of War Camp, providing legal advice on international law and the Geneva Conventions regarding the treatment of prisoners of war, detained civilians, and refugees;

Whereas, for his actions in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Colonel Buyer was awarded the Bronze Star Medal;

Whereas Colonel Buyer was elected to serve his first term as a U.S. Representative from Indiana in 1992 in the 103d Congress, and has continued to dutifully dedicate his service as a statesman in the 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th and, presently, in the 111th Congress;

Whereas over a multifaceted career of distinguished public service dedicated to the preservation of the principles upon which the United States was founded, from his Cadet days at The Citadel to the halls of Congress, Colonel Buyer has embodied the epitome of excellence in statesmanship, selfless service to country, and dedicated service to his fellow Americans;

Whereas Colonel Buyer's commitment to public service commands the highest respect and gratitude;

Whereas Colonel Buyer embodies all seven of the Army's core values, namely loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage; and

Whereas Colonel Buyer has had a tremendous positive impact on the United States Army Reserve, the United States Army, and the United States as a whole: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) honors Colonel Stephen E. Buyer for his  
2           service of 30 years on the occasion of his retirement  
3           from the Army Reserve on September 16, 2010;

4           (2) commends Colonel Buyer for his dedication  
5           and commitment to excellence as an Army Reserve  
6           Judge Advocate Officer and leader;

7           (3) recognizes the tremendous dedication and  
8           fortitude with which Colonel Buyer has led an exem-  
9           plary career in public service, having balanced his  
10          time in the Army Reserve with the demanding duties  
11          of his roles as husband, father, community leader,  
12          citizen-soldier, and Member of Congress with con-  
13          summate professionalism and boundless devotion to  
14          each role; and

15          (4) recognizes Colonel Buyer as a soldier, lead-  
16          er, and statesman, for displaying the highest levels  
17          of leadership, professional competence, integrity, and  
18          moral courage throughout his distinguished military  
19          service.