2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 54

July 7, 2021 - Introduced by Senators KOOYENGA, WANGGAARD, MARKLEIN, FELZKOWSKI, BALLWEG and JACQUE, cosponsored by Representatives TAUCHEN, ARMSTRONG, SCHRAA, SINICKI, ALLEN, THIESFELDT, EDMING, MURSAU, L. MYERS and SPIROS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to:


Whereas, Edward Stuyvesant Bragg was born in Unadilla, New York, in 1827, and moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1850 to open a law practice; and

Whereas, Bragg subsequently served as district attorney and as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention of 1860; and

Whereas, upon the outbreak of the Civil War, Bragg raised a company for the 6th Wisconsin Infantry, where his leadership resonated among his troops and gained the respect of his superiors in the Union Army; and

Whereas, in an impressive feat for a man with no past military experience, Bragg reached the rank of Brigadier General in June 1864 and commanded the distinguished Iron Brigade until the war’s end; and

Whereas, following his retirement from the Army in 1865, Bragg continued his service to the nation as a Wisconsin state senator, delegate to the Democratic National Convention, U.S. Congressman, chairman of the Wisconsin delegation to
the Democratic National Convention, Ambassador to Mexico, Consul General at Havana, and Consul General at Hong Kong; and

Whereas, Fort Bragg, a U.S. military installation in North Carolina, is currently named after Bragg’s cousin, Braxton Bragg, who served as a Confederate general and reaped criticism from his troops, peers, and superiors, which eventually led to his resignation in December 1863; and

Whereas, Fort Bragg is currently home to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), Joint Special Operations Command, and 82nd Airborne Division, and thousands of Wisconsin residents have passed through the base in its 103–year history; and

Whereas, transferring the commemoration of Fort Bragg from General Braxton Bragg to General Edward S. Bragg honors the goal of the National Defense Authorization Act to promote the long–term vision of those who dedicated their lives to defend and protect the U.S. Constitution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the United States Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America, established by the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, rename Fort Bragg in honor of the General Bragg who more honorably served our republic; and, be it further

Resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint resolution to the United States Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America.