

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## **2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 65**

October 14, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives POPE-ROBERTS, C. TAYLOR, HULSEY, GRIGSBY, ROYS, HEBL, VRUWINK, MILROY, A. OTT, JORGENSEN, STEINBRINK, WYNN, RINGHAND, POCAN, BROOKS, MOLEPSKE JR, TURNER, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, BEWLEY, RIPP and FIELDS, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH, S. COGGS, TAYLOR, WIRCH, C. LARSON, T. CULLEN, MILLER, VINEHOUT, LASSA and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: commending Major General Marcia Anderson.
2	Whereas, Marcia Anderson became the first African American woman to be
3	given a second star as a general in the history of the United States Army and achieve
4	the rank of major general; and
5	Whereas, born in Beloit, Wisconsin, Marcia attended kindergarten at Merrill
6	Elementary School and first grade at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School,
7	instilling in her at an early age the Wisconsin values of hard work and emphasis on
8	family; and
9	Whereas, Marcia was preceded by those in her family who opened doors to make
10	opportunities for her, including her father, Rudy Mahan, who proudly served in the
11	U.S. Army Air Force during the Korean War and her mother and grandmother who
12	provided inspiration and a foundation for her strong character; and
13	Whereas, while attending Creighton University in Omaha, she joined the
14	Reserve Officer Training Corps and received her commission as a second lieutenant
15	in 1979, beginning a career of military service to our nation; and

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1	Whereas, she graduated from Rutgers University Law School in 1984 during
2	which time she was a staff member at the Women's Rights Law Reporter; and
3	Whereas, after fulfilling her eight-year military commitment, Marcia
4	continued in the Army Reserve and travelled throughout the nation performing
5	various assignments, achieving numerous promotions and honors along the way;
6	and
7	Whereas, Marcia has achieved many milestones during her time in military
8	service, including becoming the first African American female battalion commander
9	in the 98th Institutional Training Division, United States Army Reserve,
10	headquartered in Rochester, New York, and the first African American female
11	brigade commander in the 95th Training Division, United States Army Reserve,
12	headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and
13	Whereas, she moved to Wisconsin in 1998 and became the first African
14	American to be appointed clerk of court of the United States Bankruptcy Court for
15	the Western District of Wisconsin; and
16	Whereas, one recent assignment brought her to work on combining the Army's
17	Human Resources Command from stations in Alexandria, Virginia, St. Louis,
18	Missouri, and Indianapolis, Indiana, to be under one roof at Fort Knox in 2010; and
19	Whereas, Marcia and her husband Amos moved to Verona, Wisconsin, in 2001
20	to continue their lives together; now, therefore, be it
21	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature
22	hereby commends Major General Marcia Anderson for her lofty achievements and
23	service to our nation.
24	(END)