

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel(LTC) Mike Russell was honored with a Bronze Star with "V" Device for his heroism during the 1989 United States "Operation Just Cause" in Panama; and



WHEREAS,

LTC Russell's unit came under an intense sniper and light machine gun fire when he led a strike team to storm the enemy; when he and his team where under fire, LTC Russell moved forward and eliminated enemy forces; attempting to return to his unit, LTC Russell was pinned down by another shooter when he shot out a streetlight and directed two M60 machine guns to engage the enemy position, eliminating it; and



WHEREAS,

LTC Russell served as a military police officer for 28 years before his retirement; during his service in the Army, he traveled to 26 countries, served in the United States, Central America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Europe, and was deployed overseas on eight major missions, six in combat; and



WHEREAS,

LTC Russell graduated from Campbell University in North Carolina as a Distinguished Military Graduate and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army where he was assigned to the Military Police Corps;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, and all associated with the Unites States Army and the 108th Military Police Company, recognize LTC Mike Russell for his valorous actions and dedicated service to his country, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 10, 2024 as "**LIEUTENANT COLONEL MIKE RUSSELL APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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