



# State of Tennessee

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 353

By Senators Overbey, McNally, Woodson, Yager, Faulk, Crowe, Southerland, Ford

and

Representatives Swann, Ramsey, Evans

A RESOLUTION naming the Operations Group Building at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in honor of Major General (Ret.) Frederick H. Forster.

WHEREAS, many fine and honorable traditions have arisen from the deep wellspring of honor and bravery possessed by Tennesseans, but there is no finer tradition than that which gave Tennessee its nickname; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the "Volunteer State" have, throughout the years, willingly forsaken the comforts and securities of inaction by taking up arms against the enemies of this great Nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, our State has given birth to many fine soldiers whose deeds of valor and honor have reflected favorably on the "Volunteer State", even as they have inspired us all to reach for greater glory; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways, bridges, and buildings to honor the memory of those courageous members of our military forces who gave their all in service of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Major General (Ret.) Frederick H. Forster was one such individual, and it is wholly fitting that he be memorialized by the renaming of the Operations Group Building at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, headquarters of the 134th Air Refueling Wing, as the "Major General Forster Operations Group Building"; and

WHEREAS, after concluding his active duty with the U.S. Air Force, Major General Forster was a proud member of the 134th Air Refueling Wing from October of 1976 until December of 1998, and served as the Commander of the 1713th Air Refueling Group for more than ten years, including a tour of duty in Dubai. Following his departure from McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Major General Forster served as the Chief of Staff, Tennessee National Guard, at Joint Forces Headquarters in Nashville and as Assistant Adjutant General, Tennessee Air National Guard before retiring in May of 2003; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Major General Forster made a significant impact upon not only the Tennessee Air National Guard, but also the surrounding communities. His drive, personal work ethic, and civic devotion has left an unmatched and lasting legacy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that in recognition of his many contributions to the Tennessee Air National Guard, the 134th Air Refueling Wing, and the State of Tennessee, the Operations Group Building at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base is hereby designated as the "Major General Forster Operations Group Building" as a lasting tribute to one of the most outstanding citizen-soldiers this State has ever produced.

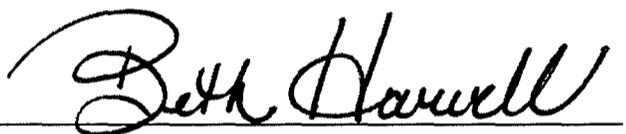
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Military is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating such edifice as the "Major General Forster Operations Group Building".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General.

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ADOPTED: March 19, 2012

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR