

Approval of a Proclamation proclaiming February 9, 2002, General Henry Hugh Shelton Day in Cumberland County

ACTION: Adopt Proclamation

WHEREAS, Retired General Henry Hugh Shelton is a native son of our great State of North Carolina, born in Speed, North Carolina, in Edgecombe County; and

WHEREAS, General Shelton dedicated 38 years of his life to serving our beloved country, distinguishing himself as a decorated soldier, innovative thinker and superb commander; and

WHEREAS, General Shelton, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a highly decorated graduate of North Carolina State University, was the first member of the elite U.S. Army Special Forces (the Green Berets) to rise to the nation's top military post; and

WHEREAS, General Shelton, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, served as the principal military adviser to the President, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council; and

WHEREAS, General Shelton previously served as Commander in Chief of the U.S. Special Operations Command, which oversees the Green Berets and the Navy SEALs; and

WHEREAS, General Hugh Shelton, commanded the Operation Uphold Democracy Joint Task Force in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, General Hugh Shelton, after the Persian Gulf War, was promoted to Major General and assigned to Fort Bragg, where he commanded the 82nd Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, General Henry Hugh Shelton received four Defense Distinguished Service Medals and the Purple Heart, making Cumberland County and the United States proud to call him one of our own.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners proclaims **FEBRUARY 9, 2002 "GENERAL HENRY HUGH SHELTON DAY"** in Cumberland County and urges our citizens to celebrate the many contributions General Shelton has made to our country.