

Resolution No. 2018-216

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN F. GONGE FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DURING HIS DECADES-LONG MILITARY CAREER, INCLUDING SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II, AND RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 5, 2018 AS LT. GEN. JOHN F. GONGE DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY IN HONOR OF HIS BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, upon serving an illustrious and distinguished career in the United States Air Force, to include more than 13,000 flying hours as a command pilot, Lieutenant General John F. Gonge has served his country admirably and with great honor; and

WHEREAS, born on Nov. 5, 1921, General Gonge graduated high school in 1938 and entered active military service as an aviation cadet and attended the U.S. Army Air Corps Flying School at Lubbock Army Air field in Texas. It was there that he earned his pilot wings and commission as a second lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, General Gonge flew the "Hump" in the China-Burma-India campaigns with the Army Air Corps Air Transport Command. In 1956 he was assigned to the 47th Bombardment Group; and

WHEREAS, a career transport pilot, General Gonge remained with airlift forces through Air Training Command, Military Air Transport Service and Military Airlift Command. By 1953, he was assigned as special projects officer in the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for operations, Pacific Division and later, as administrative assistant to the commander. In 1956, he was assigned as commander of the 1506th Support Squadron at Clark Air Base, Philippine Islands; and

WHEREAS, General Gonge arrived at Travis Air Force Base in 1960 where he served first as chief, Program Division, and later as assistant deputy chief of staff for plans and manpower. After becoming deputy assistant chief of staff Military Air Transport Service, he went on to attend the National War College in Washington, D.C. He was next assigned to the organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and

WHEREAS, by 1969, General Gonge returned to Travis Air Force Base as Vice Commander of the 60th Military airlift Wing and would go on to assume additional command roles across the country, including command of the 22nd Air Force at Travis and ultimately becoming Vice Commander in Chief of Military Airlift Commander; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his 13,000 flying hours, General Gonge's military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious service Medal, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal and the distinguished Unit Citation Emblem. He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant General on September 1, 1975 and retired from the United States Air Force in 1977.

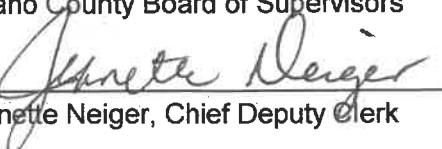
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby honors Lieutenant General John F. Gonge for his contribution to the safety and security of the United States of America and commends him for a long and distinguished career with the United States Air Force and recognizes November 5, 2018 as "**Lt. Gen. John F. Gonge Day**" in Solano County.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2018




JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk