



PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION
2021 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to:** renaming Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to commemorate U.S. General
2 Edward Stuyvesant Bragg.

3 Whereas, Edward Stuyvesant Bragg was born in Unadilla, New York, in 1827,
4 and moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, in 1850 to open a law practice; and

5 Whereas, Bragg subsequently served as district attorney and as a delegate to
6 the Democratic National Convention of 1860; and

7 Whereas, upon the outbreak of the Civil War, Bragg raised a company for the
8 6th Wisconsin Infantry, where his leadership resonated among his troops and gained
9 the respect of his superiors in the Union Army; and

10 Whereas, in an impressive feat for a man with no past military experience,
11 Bragg reached the rank of Brigadier General in June 1864 and commanded the
12 distinguished Iron Brigade until the war's end; and

13 Whereas, following his retirement from the Army in 1865, Bragg continued his
14 service to the nation as a Wisconsin state senator, delegate to the Democratic

1 National Convention, U.S. Congressman, chairman of the Wisconsin delegation to
2 the Democratic National Convention, Ambassador to Mexico, Consul General at
3 Havana, and Consul General at Hong Kong; and

4 Whereas, Fort Bragg, a U.S. military installation in North Carolina, is
5 currently named after Bragg's cousin, Braxton Bragg, who served as a Confederate
6 general and reaped criticism from his troops, peers, and superiors, which eventually
7 led to his resignation in December 1863; and

8 Whereas, Fort Bragg is currently home to the U.S. Army Special Operations
9 Command, Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne),
10 Joint Special Operations Command, and 82nd Airborne Division, and thousands of
11 Wisconsin residents have passed through the base in its 103-year history; and

12 Whereas, transferring the commemoration of Fort Bragg from General Braxton
13 Bragg to General Edward S. Bragg honors the goal of the National Defense
14 Authorization Act to promote the long-term vision of those who dedicated their lives
15 to defend and protect the U.S. Constitution; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the United States
17 Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that
18 Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served
19 Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America, established by the Fiscal Year
20 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, rename Fort Bragg in honor of the
21 General Bragg who more honorably served our republic; and, be it further

22 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of this joint
23 resolution to the United States Commission on the Naming of Items of the

1 Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or
2 Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America.

3 (END)