

Public Law 94-479  
94th Congress

Joint Resolution

Oct. 11, 1976  
[H.J. Res. 519]

To provide for the appointment of George Washington to the grade of General of the Armies of the United States.

Whereas Lieutenant General George Washington of Virginia commanded our armies throughout and to the successful termination of our Revolutionary War;

Whereas Lieutenant General George Washington presided over the convention that formulated our Constitution;

Whereas Lieutenant General George Washington twice served as President of the United States of America; and

Whereas it is considered fitting and proper that no officer of the United States Army should outrank Lieutenant General George Washington on the Army list: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That (a) for purposes of subsection (b) of this section only, the grade of General of the Armies of the United States is established, such grade to have rank and precedence over all other grades of the Army, past or present.

(b) The President is authorized and requested to appoint George Washington posthumously to the grade of General of the Armies of the United States, such appointment to take effect on July 4, 1976.

George Washington, General of the Armies of the United States, posthumous appointment. Effective date.

Approved October 11, 1976.

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

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