

Senate Action Conferring Honorary Doctorate upon SGM (Ret.) Lanny G. Asepermy

WHEREAS, Mr. Lanny Asepermy has distinguished himself by his extraordinary contributions in the area of public affairs; and

WHEREAS, he served his country for 24 years in the United States Army and was awarded numerous honors including the Legion of Merit and two Meritorious Service Medals; and

WHEREAS, his service to unrecognized veteran communities includes leadership roles in lobbying Congress for the Code Talker Recognition Act, becoming the first and only Native American Ambassador for the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, fundraising and developing numerous Native American veteran monuments, and serving in leadership positions for various Native American veterans associations and color guards; and

WHEREAS, he has served the university by lecturing in the MSU Honors program, participating in and helping with field schools, providing valuable historical documentation for research, and providing the opening ceremonies for the Smithsonian Institution Traveling exhibit “Why We Serve”; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as a historian, advocate, and leader;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Missouri State University, meeting on this fifth day of December in the year two thousand twenty four, recommend to the Board of Governors of Missouri State University that the degree of Doctor of Public Affairs (A.P.D.) be conferred upon Mr. Lanny Asepermy at the Commencement Ceremony in May two thousand twenty five in recognition of his extraordinary achievements in the area of public affairs.