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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Secretary of Defense, I have approved the retirement of General Ralph E. Eberhart, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list. I certify that General Eberhart has served satisfactorily on active duty in his current grade. General Eberhart, who is 57 years of age, currently serves as the Commander, Northern Command/Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command. I have also notified the President of the United States and the President of the Senate of this action.

Sincerely,

*David S. C. Chu*  
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cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter  
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee  
The Honorable Ike Skelton  
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

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