



# Arizona House of Representatives

## Certificate of Recognition

*I, Representative Jeff Weninger, do commend and honor*

**Steve Cooper**

*WHEREAS, Steve Cooper was born on December 29, 1970*

*WHEREAS, Steve Cooper was in the U.S. Army from 1989 – June 2007*

*WHEREAS, Steve Cooper was a Professor and Criminal Justice Program Coordinator at the American Military University in Manassas, Virginia from 1998-2002*

*WHEREAS, Steve Cooper is the President and CEO of Today's Campus in Chandler, Arizona*

*WHEREAS, Steve Cooper was diagnosed on Dec. 21, 2012 with inoperable, stage 4, metastatic prostate cancer and given 6 months to live.*

*WHEREAS, On November 17, 2013, Steve Cooper was the first person to complete an Ironman while undergoing radiation for prostate cancer.*

*WHEREAS, Steve Cooper completed the HITS 140.6 Mile Full Iron Distance Triathlon during chemotherapy on December 6, 2014, becoming the first person to accomplish this feat.*

*THEREFORE, the Arizona House of Representatives hereby recognizes Steve Cooper for his service to this country and for his fight and achievements during his battle with cancer being an inspiration to many in his community and around the world.*

*Signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Weninger".

*Representative Jeff Weninger, District 17*