

1 airlift, battlefield mobility, attack, command and control, counternarcotics, police aviation
2 security, and reconnaissance capabilities of the Afghan air forces; and

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Andersen has also served as the Commandant of the United
4 States Air Force Special Operations School (USAFSOS), located at Hurlburt Field, Florida,
5 commanding an organization of military, civilian, and contractor personnel and educating
6 more than five thousand Department of Defense, Department of State, NATO, Allied, and
7 other government agency students in twenty-one courses annually; and

8 WHEREAS, additionally, Colonel Andersen served as the Commander of the Kapisa
9 and Parwan Provincial Reconstruction Team in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan,
10 responsible for security, reconstruction, and governance tasks; and

11 WHEREAS, in June of 2011, Colonel Andersen was injured in a helicopter crash
12 near the Pakistan/Afghanistan border, and he has displayed great courage on his road to
13 rehabilitation and recovery; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout the course of his exceptional career, Colonel Andersen has
15 been honored with numerous awards, including the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious
16 Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, Air Force
17 Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal with
18 two Devices, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Combat Action Medal, and Army
19 Combat Action Badge; and

20 WHEREAS, Colonel Andersen has consistently performed his duties in an
21 outstanding fashion, exhibiting bravery and gallantry in the face of utmost danger; and

22 WHEREAS, the valiant heroism displayed by Colonel Andersen in defense of
23 freedom is a shining example of the American spirit in which all Louisianians take great
24 pride; and

25 WHEREAS, Colonel William D. Andersen merits the highest commendation and
26 sincere congratulations for his exemplary term of military service and for his outstanding
27 contributions to the United States Air Force and his nation, whose citizens will long reap the
28 benefits of his wonderful legacy.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
30 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Colonel William D.

1 Andersen for his remarkable career in the United States Air Force, does hereby express to
2 him enduring appreciation for his many years of distinguished military service, does hereby
3 record for posterity his vital contributions and his tireless dedication to excellence, does
4 hereby extend to him every good wish for continued success and happiness in his future
5 endeavors, and does hereby recognize the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to the
6 state of Louisiana and to the United States of America.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
8 to Colonel William D. Andersen.

DIGEST

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Commends Colonel William D. Andersen, U.S. Air Force.