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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

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

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Colonel William D. Andersen, United States Air Force, for his extraordinary
3	service to his country.
4	WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation
5	and appreciation be expressed to Colonel William D. Andersen, United States Air Force, for
6	his remarkable military service; and
7	WHEREAS, Colonel Andersen has consistently demonstrated his dedicated spirit and
8	intense determination to serve his country with honor and distinction throughout the course
9	of his distinguished career in the United States Air Force; and
10	WHEREAS, on May 31, 2012, Lieutenant General Eric E. Fiel, Commander, Air
11	Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Florida, is presiding over the Change
12	of Command Ceremony when Colonel Andersen becomes Commander of the Air Force
13	Special Operations Training Center; and
14	WHEREAS, Colonel Andersen has served as the Vice Commander of the Combined
15	Air Power Transition Force, NATO Training Mission and Combined Security Transition
16	Command-Afghanistan, as well as the Vice Commander, 438th Air Expeditionary Wing,
17	Kabul, Afghanistan; and
18	WHEREAS, Colonel Andersen has led a joint and combined organization to mentor,
19	train, and assist the Afghan National Security Forces' aviation units and has conducted
20	strategic level coordination with United States Central Command, International Security
21	Assistance Forces, and the Afghan ministries of Defense and Interior to develop presidential

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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
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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