

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Lt. Col. Mark J. Sorapuru upon accepting command of the 7th Space Warning Squadron at Beale Air Force Base on June 15, 2012, and Ramona "Mona" T. Sorapuru upon becoming the squadron's first lady

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Lieutenant Colonel Mark J. Sorapuru upon accepting command of the 7th
3 Space Warning Squadron at Beale Air Force Base on June 15, 2012, and Ramona
4 "Mona" T. Sorapuru upon becoming the squadron's first lady.

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Mark J. Sorapuru, the son of Murray J. Sorapuru
6 and Priscilla Duplessis, was born in Marrero, Louisiana, and is a graduate of West Jefferson
7 High School, the University of New Orleans, and the United States Naval War College in
8 Newport, Rhode Island; and

9 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Sorapuru is the husband of Ramona "Mona" Traigle
10 Sorapuru, who is the daughter of Rebecca Jane Burgin and Alvin Traigle, a native of New
11 Orleans, and a graduate of Riverdale High School and the University of New Orleans; she
12 has served as the Catholic religious education coordinator at Peterson Air Force Base in
13 Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

14 WHEREAS, together with their children, Abigail Ann and Mark Joseph "M.J."
15 Sorapuru, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Sorapuru are beginning a new chapter in their
16 military lives with the 7th Space Warning Squadron at Beale Air Force Base in California;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the men and women of the 7th Space Warning Squadron continuously
19 scan the horizon for missiles, satellites, and other manmade objects in space; and

1 WHEREAS, the squadron's primary mission is to detect, track, and provide impact
2 prediction of Sea-Launched and Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles launched towards North
3 America to the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), and its secondary
4 mission is space surveillance; and

5 WHEREAS, on Friday, June 15, 2012, Colonel Jennifer C. Moore, Commander 21st
6 Operations Group, is hosting a Change of Command Ceremony during which Lieutenant
7 Colonel Scott M. Schroff is relinquishing command of the 7th Space Warning Squadron to
8 Lieutenant Colonel Sorapuru; and

9 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Sorapuru and their family merit a special
10 measure of commendation for the pride and honor that they bring to the state of Louisiana
11 and the United States of America.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Lieutenant Colonel Mark J. Sorapuru upon
14 accepting command of the 7th Space Warning Squadron at Beale Air Force Base on June
15 15, 2012, and Ramona "Mona" T. Sorapuru upon becoming the squadron's first lady, does
16 hereby record for posterity their vital contributions to their nation and their tireless
17 dedication to excellence, and does hereby extend to them every good wish for continued
18 success and happiness in their future endeavors.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
20 to Lieutenant Colonel Mark J. Sorapuru and Ramona "Mona" T. Sorapuru.

DIGEST

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