

1 WHEREAS, during his time at gymnasium, he maintained regular contact with the
2 United States Consulate in Stuttgart, which was a two-day bicycle ride from Konstanz, and
3 returned to the United States as soon as the Consulate informed him that he, being an
4 American citizen, could do so; and

5 WHEREAS, upon arriving in New York City, he sought out the military recruiting
6 station in Times Square and enlisted in the United States Air Force as an airman basic; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Wesselhoeft served for twenty-two years in the Air Force and
8 retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; during his service, he was commissioned as an
9 officer and trained as a navigator and an electronic warfare officer (EWO); and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Wesselhoeft served in Vietnam as an EWO on EC121s and on B-
11 52s, serving in the mighty Eighth Air Force, the very unit that bombed the city of Hamburg
12 when he was a child; in total, Mr. Wesselhoeft flew 5,525 hours, 1,230 of which were during
13 combat; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wesselhoeft also earned a degree in electrical engineering from the
15 University of Missouri, graduating Cum Laude; after retiring from the US Air Force, he
16 worked as an engineer for the Department of Energy's Strategic Petroleum Reserve; he
17 retired at seventy years of age, having worked his entire adult life for the United States
18 government; and

19 WHEREAS, despite the troubles of his childhood, Adolf Wesselhoeft has gone far
20 above and beyond the call of duty to give back to his country; he is a disabled United States
21 military veteran who embodies the American spirit, and his patriotism and service are most
22 deserving of recognition.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
24 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Adolf Wesselhoeft on his lifelong dedication
25 and service to the United States of America and does hereby recognize his inspiring
26 patriotism in the face of struggle.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Adolf
28 Wesselhoeft.

DIGEST

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Commends Adolf Wesselhoeft for his lifelong service to the United States and recognizes his life's accomplishments.