

2020 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sergeant Major Anazia M. Andrus-Sam on 31 years of active federal service in the United States Army and United States Army Reserve.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Sergeant Major Anazia M. Andrus-Sam on thirty-one years of outstanding and  
3 selfless service to her country in the United States Army and the United States Army  
4 Reserve.

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Andrus-Sam was born in Lafayette, Louisiana, on  
6 September 13, 1969, and she graduated from Northside High School in Lafayette in  
7 May 1987; and

8 WHEREAS, on January 18, 1989, Anazia Andrus-Sam enlisted in the United States  
9 Army and, in March 1989, she began her training at Quartermaster School in Fort Lee,  
10 Virginia, followed by training at the Quartermaster Academy, also at Fort Lee, where she  
11 received a certification in Petroleum Operations before moving on to Fort Dix, New Jersey,  
12 to complete a course in Driver Training and Vehicle Maintenance in July 1989; and

13 WHEREAS, Andrus-Sam's first nontraining assignment was as a petroleum handler  
14 with the 305th Supply & Service Company in South Korea where she spent a year from  
15 August 1989 through August 1990 when she returned stateside and was assigned to Fort  
16 Collins, Colorado, where she continued her duties as an air and fuel handler; and

17 WHEREAS, through these multiple assignments, Anazia Andrus-Sam was promoted  
18 several times, including achieving the rank of Sergeant (SGT) in August 1994, Staff

1 Sergeant (SSG) in the U.S. Army Reserve in August 1998, Sergeant First Class (SFC) in  
2 October 2001, Master Sergeant (MSG) in May 2008, and her final rank of Sergeant Major  
3 (SGM) was achieved on June 1, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, through her numerous assignments in service of her country, Anazia  
5 Andrus-Sam has earned and been awarded numerous medals and awards for her meritorious  
6 service, including the following: Meritorious Service Medal with One Bronze Oak Leaf  
7 Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with One Silver and Two Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster,  
8 Army Achievement Medal with One Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal  
9 with One Silver and Three Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal with  
10 Bronze Star Device, Humanitarian Award, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism  
11 Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve  
12 Medal with Hourglass and "M" Device, Non Commissioned Officer's Professional  
13 Development Ribbon (5), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3), Air Assault  
14 Badge, and the Drivers Badge; and

15 WHEREAS, transitioning to service in the United States Army Reserve (USAR) in  
16 June 1999, SSG Andrus-Sam was assigned as a petroleum handler at Fort Campbell,  
17 Kentucky, on a nonactive status; and

18 WHEREAS, in November 1999, 1SG Andrus-Sam took an active duty USAR  
19 assignment to the 465th Quartermaster Company Training command as a training NCO at  
20 the facility in Jasper, Alabama, where she was assigned until September 2007; and

21 WHEREAS, from September 2001 through October 2008, Anazia Andrus-Sam was  
22 assigned to the First Battalion, 378th Regimental Brigade in Lafayette, Louisiana, as an  
23 Operations Non Commissioned Officer (NCO), and during that duty assignment, she  
24 attained the rank of MSG; and

25 WHEREAS, following the assignment in Lafayette, MSG Andrus-Sam served with  
26 the 75th Training Command as Operations NCO and in May 2010, she was named Assistant  
27 Inspector General of that command; and

28 WHEREAS, from March 2013 through June 2015, MSG Andrus-Sam served as  
29 Operations NCO at the 359th Transportation Battalion at Fort Eustis, Virginia; and

30 WHEREAS, in July 2015, SGM Anazia Andrus-Sam was chosen to attend the U.S.

1 Army Sergeants Major Academy, acknowledged by both military and civilian organizations  
2 as the world's premier institution for the education of NCO's, which was established at Fort  
3 Bliss, Texas, on July 1, 1972, and where Andrus-Sam attained the rank of Sergeant Major;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, currently, SGM Andrus-Sam is serving with Military Surface  
6 Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, throughout her more than thirty-one year career with the United States  
8 Army and United States Army Reserve, SGM Anazia Andrus-Sam has demonstrated  
9 exceptional commitment to duty and service, having served during both the Iraq Campaign  
10 and the Global War on Terrorism, at a time when her country has relied on the willingness  
11 of Americans to volunteer to serve in the armed forces in the face of both old and new  
12 threats from around the world and Andrus-Sam has contributed to the guarding of this  
13 nation's present and future in a manner that only brings credit to her ability and willingness  
14 to serve and invokes the gratitude and respect of her fellow Louisianians and, indeed, all  
15 Americans.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
17 does hereby commend Sergeant Major Anazia M. Andrus-Sam on thirty-one years of  
18 outstanding and selfless service to her country in the United States Army and the United  
19 States Army Reserve.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
21 Sergeant Major Anazia M. Andrus-Sam.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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