

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Russell Cummings, III, on his promotion from lieutenant colonel to colonel in the U.S. Army.

WHEREAS, Russell Cummings, III, was born to Russell and Melissa McKeithen Cummings of Columbia, Louisiana; he is the grandson of former Governor John McKeithen; and

WHEREAS, Colonel (COL) Cummings was commissioned in field artillery from Louisiana State University in December 2002; his operational assignments include 1-502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment and 1-320th Glider Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; 1-28 Infantry Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division in Fort Riley, Kansas; Defense Fellow in the United States Senate in Washington, D.C.; NATO Allied Land Command in Izmir, Turkey; Field Artillery Squadron, 3d Cavalry Regiment and 1st Cavalry Division Artillery in Fort Cavazos, Texas; Special Operations Command Africa in Stuttgart, Germany; 2-17 Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; and Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Johnson, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, COL Cummings served three tours in Iraq with the 101st and 1st Infantry Divisions from 2003 to 2004, 2005 to 2006, and 2009 to 2010; he also served with the 2nd Infantry Division of Korea Rotational Force 12 in 2021; and

WHEREAS, COL Cummings has received numerous military honors for his inspiring service; he received a Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with

two oak leaf clusters, the Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation with one oak leaf cluster, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Combat Action Badge, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Parachutists Badge, and the Air Assault Badge; and

WHEREAS, COL Cummings is a legionnaire in the Order of Saint Maurice, holds a Bronze Medallion in the Order of Saint George, and is a member of the Field Artillery Association's Honorable Order of Saint Barbara; he holds master's degrees from both the University of Louisiana and George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, COL Cummings is married to the former Erin Myers of Morgan City, Louisiana; they have two daughters, Sophie Grace and Julia Katherine; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Russell Cummings, III, is a genuine American hero who is most deserving of the highest recognition for his truly inspiring service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Russell Cummings, III, on his promotion from lieutenant colonel to colonel in the U.S. Army and does hereby extend enduring appreciation to COL Cummings for his steadfast dedication to safeguarding the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES