

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY SENATOR ADLEY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey D. Jones upon his retirement from active duty.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey D. Jones upon his
3 retirement from active duty.

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Jones was born December 11, 1963, to West Point
5 graduate Brigadier General John G. Jones, (USA ret.) and Eileen O. Jones; and

6 WHEREAS, following in the military traditions of his father and Naval aviator uncle
7 Captain Ben W. Jones, Lt. Col. Jones graduated from the University of Virginia, where he
8 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering and his commission as a 2nd
9 Lieutenant through the university's Air Force ROTC program; and

10 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Jones also holds a Master degree in Aeronautical
11 Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida; and

12 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Jones' initial assignment was to Undergraduate Pilot Training
13 at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, where he would earn his pilot wings and continue on
14 to work as a First Assignment Instructor Pilot in the T-38 Talon supersonic jet trainer, and
15 then as Squadron Military Training Officer and later as Assistant Director of Operations; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1991, he began work with the Military Airlift Command as a C-141
17 pilot with the 20th Airlift Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, California, where he served as
18 Chief of Training, Flight Commander, Director of Current Operations, Flight Examiner, and

1 Aircraft Commander; and

2 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Jones also commanded multiple Strategic Intra-theater
3 Deployments to Yokota, Japan, and was the Detachment Commander in Ancona, Italy, for
4 the Sarajevo, humanitarian air bridge, and Operation Deep Freeze Aircraft Commander; and

5 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Jones' next assignment was with the 1st Airlift Squadron at
6 Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, where he served as Chief of Wing Plans and
7 Requirements and Program Manager for the C-32 aircraft; and

8 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Jones then moved across the Potomac River to the Pentagon
9 and served as Chief of Rated Force Policy, Reserve Forces on the Air Staff; and

10 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Jones returned to the 1st Airlift Squadron and served as Program
11 Manager for the acquisition of three C-40 aircraft and he delivered them to the 76th Airlift
12 Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and transitioned to the Operations Group Chief of
13 Standardization/Evaluation, where he served a six-month deployment to Afghanistan as
14 Chief Regional Air Coordination Cell, East, International Security Assistance Force; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2008, Lt. Col. Jones joined the Presidential Airlift Squadron as one
16 of only seven dual qualified presidential pilots in the U.S. Air Force and served as Chief of
17 Presidential Standardization/Evaluation; and

18 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Jones, during his flying career, accumulated more than eight
19 thousand five hundred total flying hours, making him one of the top three active pilots in the
20 U.S. Air Force; and

21 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Jones' awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious
22 Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal,
23 the Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation
24 Medal with two oak leaf clusters and the Joint Service Achievement Medal; and

25 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Jones now looks forward to seeing more of his wife, Col.
26 Margret M. Jones and their two children, Meghan and Sean.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
28 does hereby extend its highest commendations to U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey
29 D. Jones for his long, distinguished, and unique service to his country with a successful
30 combat tour and as a pilot for his Commander in Chief.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey D. Jones.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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