

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 176

BY SENATOR ADLEY

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Jones also holds a master's degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE