

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Colonel William S. Orlov (Ret) for his induction into the LSU Old War Skule Military Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Col. William S. Orlov (Ret) is a native of Alexandria, Louisiana, and a 1953 graduate of Bolton High School; and

WHEREAS, Col. Orlov earned a bachelor's degree in business in 1957 and a master's degree in business in 1961 from LSU, where he was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and active in interfraternity activities, the Student Government Association and ROTC; and

WHEREAS, Col. Orlov was a member of Delta Sigma Pi professional business fraternity, an officer of Scabbard and Blade, and a recipient of the President's Medal as Outstanding Junior Army ROTC Cadet, and was also recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate before receiving his commission as an officer; and

WHEREAS, Col. Orlov would serve his country faithfully and with great honor for three decades during a distinguished military career that took him to war and around the world on numerous deployments; and

WHEREAS, during his renowned career, he was a graduate of the U.S. Army Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army Special Warfare School, the Command and General Staff College, the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service Institute, and the Army War College; and

WHEREAS, Col. Orlov had a wide variety of command, staff, adviser and special operations assignments in both the United States and overseas that included multiple combat tours in southeast Asia and commands of the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, the 2nd Armored Division and Special Troops, as well as the Combined Field Army at Camp Red Cloud, Korea, and retiring from active duty as Chief of Staff of the Army War College; and

WHEREAS, Col. Orlov's awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with V device and four oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, and the unique distinction of receiving membership in both the 16th Infantry Regiment and 28th Infantry Regiment by the Secretary of the Army; and

WHEREAS, Col. Orlov began a second career in 1988 when he joined Sprint Corporation and held various management positions in training, planning, and human resources before his retirement in 2001, and becoming a consultant with several defense-consulting firms and then the lead for the Leader Development, Education and Training team of the U.S. Army Electronic Warfare Proponent; and

WHEREAS, Col. Orlov had a long history of volunteerism with the American Red Cross, and veterans affairs through the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Military Order of the World Wars.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its highest commendations to Col. Orlov for his many great deeds, courageous actions and brave service to his nation, his state, and his community and for his induction into the LSU Old War Skule Military Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Col. William S. Orlov (Ret).

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE