

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

A RESOLUTION

To commend Colonel William S. "Bill" Orlov upon his military career, his induction into the Louisiana State University Cadets of the Ole War Skule Hall of Honor and his lifetime of volunteerism.

WHEREAS, Bill Orlov, a native of Alexandria, Louisiana, earned a bachelor's degree in business from Louisiana State University and received his Master of Business Administration also from LSU in 1961; and

WHEREAS, at LSU, Orlov was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and was active in Interfraternity Council activities and in the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, also during his college years, Orlov served as the vice president of the College of Commerce and was a member of Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Bill Orlov's military career and training began at LSU as a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, known as ROTC; he was a member of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade, a national military honor society; received the President's Medal as the Outstanding Junior ROTC cadet and was recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate upon graduation and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, while an officer in the Army, Orlov graduated from the United States Army Infantry Officer Basic Training for lieutenants and the advanced course for captains, both at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Orlov's military career took him to the Army Special Warfare School, the Command and General Staff college, the Army War College and the United States' State Department's Foreign Service Institute; and

WHEREAS, Orlov served in a variety of command, staff, advisor and special operations assignments both in the U.S. and overseas, including multiple tours of duty in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, at various times during his illustrious career, Colonel Orlov commanded the First Battalion and the Twenty-eighth Infantry, he served as the assistant chief of staff of Second Army Division and he commanded the special troops of the Combined Field Army (Republic of Korea/U.S.) at Camp Red Cloud, Korea; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Orlov was a much decorated soldier, receiving the Combat Infantryman Badge, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star with V-device and four oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Command Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Army Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this array of awards and medals, Colonel Orlov is a member of the National Infantry Association Order of Saint Maurice and has the unique distinction of being designated a Distinguished Member of both the Sixteenth Infantry Regiment and the Twenty-eighth Infantry Regiment, honors bestowed by the secretary of the Army; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his retirement from active duty in the U.S. Army, Colonel Orlov was the chief of staff of the Army War College; and

WHEREAS, after more than twenty-five years of service, Colonel Orlov retired from active duty with the U.S. Army and began a second career with Sprint Corporation in 1988 where he held several management positions in training, planning and human resources; and

WHEREAS, Orlov retired from Sprint in 2001 and began working with several defense-consulting firms and he recently retired from his post with the Leader Development, Education, and Training team of the U.S. Army Electronic Warfare Proponent; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Colonel Orlov was inducted into the Louisiana State University Cadets of the Ole War Skule Hall of Honor, recognizing his distinguished career in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, throughout his adult years, Orlov was involved in volunteer work, including work with the Red Cross for five decades, beginning as the deputy director of a water safety program in Rapides parish; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Orlov has served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations, and maintains membership in many organizations devoted to veterans' affairs,

including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Military Order of the World Wars; and

WHEREAS, Bill Orlov is married to Gaye Adams Orlov and they live with their two children, Sam and Jennifer, in Lansing, Kansas.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Colonel William S. "Bill" Orlov upon his military career, his induction into the Louisiana State University Cadets of the Ole War Skule Hall of Honor and his lifetime of volunteerism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Colonel Bill Orlov in Lansing, Kansas.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE