

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Colonel Joseph Musacchia, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Colonel Joseph Musacchia, Jr., for his dedication to the defense of the country's freedoms and to commend him on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Col. Musacchia is a native of Tickfaw, Louisiana, and a 1988 graduate of Independence High School; he attended Louisiana State University, where he completed a bachelor of criminal justice degree, bachelor of arts degree in sociology with a minor in political science, and a master of arts in sociology; he also received a master of strategic studies from Air University; and

WHEREAS, Col. Musacchia entered the U.S. Air Force in 1996 as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Detachment 310 at Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Col. Musacchia most recently served as an instructor of strategy at the USAF Air War College, where he provided graduate-level education to senior military officers, inter-agency civilians, and international military students; he guided a foundations of strategy course with a focus on the historical dimensions of warfare, led planning and execution for an international regional security studies seminar focused on global power competition in the Arctic region, and assisted in the development of new course material and elective courses; he also conducted research to support the Air War College's mission, wrote publications, and supervised student research; and

WHEREAS, Col. Musacchia dedicated thirty years of active service in the U.S. Air Force and participated in multiple wartime engagements, including service in Iraq, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, and Turkey; he served in command positions on six occasions, including group command and squadron command; and

WHEREAS, Col. Musacchia is a highly decorated military serviceman with numerous medals and merits; he is a recipient of the Legion of Merit, Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, National Defense Service Medal with device, Iraq Campaign Medal with device, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with "N" device and three oak clusters; and

WHEREAS, Col. Musacchia is highly respected for his commitment to duty and unparalleled sense of honor; he retires from service to return home with his wife, Teresa; children, Magdaline, Joseph, and Anthony; and daughter-in-law Julienne; he is truly most deserving of the highest recognition for his dedicated service to the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Colonel Joseph Musacchia, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Air Force; does hereby extend enduring appreciation for his dedication to the defense of American life and liberty; and does hereby extend sincere wishes for his continued prosperity as he begins the next chapter in his life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES