

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY SENATOR KOSTELKA

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Chris Joseph LeBlanc upon his retirement and for his accomplishments in the military and in business.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Chris Joseph LeBlanc upon his retirement after a long and distinguished career  
3 as a member of the United States Army with twenty-four years of service to his  
4 country, having achieved the rank of Major, and as a financial advisor following his  
5 retirement from the military.

6 WHEREAS, Chris Joseph LeBlanc was born in Klotzville, Louisiana, on July 17,  
7 1950, to Marilyn and Joseph "Jo-Jo" LeBlanc, and is the brother of Diane, Debbie, and Lyn  
8 LeBlanc; and

9 WHEREAS, Chris is the husband of Jill Bergeret LeBlanc, originally of New  
10 Orleans, whom he met and married while he was an ROTC instructor at Tulane University  
11 and Loyola University, New Orleans, and the University of New Orleans, and both have  
12 been residents of Leavenworth, Kansas, since 1985; and

13 WHEREAS, Chris is the proud father of two sons, Paul and Dan, both of whom  
14 chose to further their formal education at Louisiana universities; Paul at Nicholls State  
15 University and Dan at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, where he was a member  
16 of the ROTC Program; and

17 WHEREAS, as a young boy Chris was a dedicated altar server for St. Elizabeth  
18 Catholic Church Parish in Paincourtville, Louisiana; and

1           WHEREAS, Chris is an honor graduate of St. Elizabeth Catholic School in  
2           Paincourtville, Louisiana, and Assumption High School in Napoleonville, Louisiana, and  
3           was named the 2009-10 Distinguished Graduate of St. Elizabeth School by the Baton Rouge  
4           Diocese; and

5           WHEREAS, Chris attended the United States Military Academy at West Point from  
6           1968 through 1972 on an honor scholarship from the academy, graduating in 1972 and  
7           attending U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, that year; and

8           WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc attended the Armor Officer Basic Course and Armor  
9           Officer Motor Course at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, from 1972 through 1973; and

10          WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as Mortar and Tank Platoon Leader, Tank  
11          Company Executive Officer, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 73<sup>rd</sup> Armor Division at Camp Casey, Korea, from  
12          1973 through 1974; and

13          WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as Scout Platoon Leader, Company Executive  
14          Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 67<sup>th</sup> Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas, from 1974 through 1975;  
15          and

16          WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as S-3 Air, Company Commander, Battalion  
17          Motor Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 66<sup>th</sup> Armor Division, at Ft. Hood, Texas, from 1975 through  
18          1978, with a six-month deployment to Grafenwohr, Germany, in 1975 and 1977; and

19          WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as an ROTC instructor at Tulane University and  
20          Loyola University, New Orleans, from 1978 through 1982; and

21          WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc completed the Defense Information Officer Course at  
22          Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, in 1982; and

23          WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as the Public Affairs Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored  
24          Division Forward, from 1982 through 1984, and S-3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 66<sup>th</sup> Armor Division, from  
25          1984 through 1985, at Garlstedt, Germany; and

26          WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as an instructor at the Command and General  
27          Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1985 through 1988, and served as the  
28          Managing Editor of Military Review at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1988 through 1992;  
29          and

30          WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc retired from active duty in June 1992 after a successful

1 and distinguished twenty-four year career in the United States Army; and

2 WHEREAS, Chris served as Financial Advisor at IDS Financial Services, Overland  
3 Park, Kansas, from 1992 through 1993; Financial Advisor and District Manager,  
4 IDS/American Express Financial Advisors, Overland Park and Leavenworth, Kansas, from  
5 1993 through 2002; Interim Field Vice President, American Express Financial Advisors,  
6 Overland Park, Kansas, from 1995 through 1996; Financial Advisor and Branch Manager,  
7 Ameriprise Financial Advisors, Leavenworth, Kansas, from 2003 through 2008; and  
8 Financial Advisor, Ameriprise Financial Advisors, Leavenworth, Kansas, until 2013; and

9 WHEREAS, Chris retired from Ameriprise Financial Advisors in April 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, Chris enjoys in his leisure time annual trips to Belize to celebrate "Jerry  
11 Jeff Walker's Annual Birthday Bash!"; and

12 WHEREAS, Chris also enjoys all LSU sports and is a "die hard" Tiger baseball fan,  
13 and always is a spectator in Omaha when the Tigers play for the National Championship.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
15 does hereby recognize and extend its highest commendations to Chris Joseph LeBlanc for  
16 his remarkable business accomplishments and for his service to his country.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chris  
18 Joseph LeBlanc.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

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DIGEST

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