

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Brigadier General Patrick D. Frank for his accomplishments throughout his illustrious military career.

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Frank graduated from St. Bonaventure University and was commissioned as an Infantry officer; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Frank holds a Bachelor of Arts in Finance and a Masters in Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, he also received a master's degree in both National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Frank assumed command of the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk on February 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the JRTC and Fort Polk, located in central Louisiana, is home to the Army's premier Combat Training Center and multiple globally deployable combat formations; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Brigadier General Frank served in a variety of command and staff assignments; and

WHEREAS, his previous assignments include Deputy Commanding General and Acting Senior Commander of 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas; Executive Officer to the Commander ISAF/Resolute Support; Executive Officer to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army; Commander of the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team "Spartans", 10th Mountain Division – deployed in the surge of forces to Kandahar, Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom XII-XIII; 1st Infantry Division G-3; Commander of 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry "Black Lions", 4th IBCT, 1st Infantry Division – deployed to Freedom-V; Aide to the Secretary of the Army; Deputy G-3 and Brigade S-3 in the 101st Airborne Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom-I; company commands in the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York – where he also deployed as a staff officer in support of Operation

Uphold Democracy in Haiti, and a tour with the 3rd Infantry Division, Germany in support of Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, some of Brigadier General Frank's awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Ranger Tab, Air Assault and Airborne Wings, and the Expert Infantryman's Badge; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of lieutenants who enter the Army will become a general officer; and

WHEREAS, it takes a unique blend of talent, hard work, and leadership to reach this momentous achievement; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Frank's career has exemplified the term "valor" and he continues to serve his country and exemplifies the "Army Values" on a daily basis.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Brigadier General Patrick Frank for his accomplishments throughout his illustrious military career.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Brigadier General Frank.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE