

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

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A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate the 2nd Bomb Wing of Barksdale Air Force Base on being awarded the 2014 Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle Award for best bomber wing in Air Force Global Strike Command.

WHEREAS, the 2nd Bomb Wing conducts the primary mission of Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, with three squadrons of B-52H Stratofortress bombers comprised of the 11th Bomb Squadron, which is the training squadron, the 20th Bomb Squadron and the 96th Bomb Squadron; and

WHEREAS, the Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle Award was founded by Air Force Global Strike Command in 2010 to memorialize General Frederick W. Castle, a Medal of Honor recipient and also the namesake of a former Strategic Air Command base; and

WHEREAS, it is presented to a bomb wing for outstanding mission accomplishments, meritorious achievement, and quality initiatives and honors the heritage of courageous airmen and their role in the nuclear mission; and

WHEREAS, with the tremendous support of civic partners and collective teamwork, the 2nd Bomb Wing has been awarded the 2014 Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle Award for best bomber wing in Air Force Global Strike Command; and

WHEREAS, it is the 2nd Bomb Wing's second time earning the award, the first being in 2010; and

WHEREAS, between January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014, the 2nd Bomb Wing innovated processes which earned Air Force and Department of Defense accolades that were punctuated by the highest possible ratings on multiple major inspections; and

WHEREAS, whether it is their role in the Nuclear Enterprise, supporting combatant commanders, or enhancing the capabilities of their base, the airmen of Barksdale, in conjunction with community partners, are making a difference every day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the airmen of Barksdale Air Force Base and 2nd Bomb Wing commanders, General Andrew Gebara and Colonel Kristin Goodwin, for being awarded the 2014 Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle Award for best bomber wing in Air Force Global Strike Command and does hereby express enduring appreciation for the pride they bring to the citizens of the United States and Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commanders of the 2nd Bomb Wing.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE