

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR REESE

A RESOLUTION

To commend and recognize Terence L. Carter Jr. for being accepted into the United States Military Academy, which is more famously known as West Point Academy.

WHEREAS, Terence was born on August 4, 2003, at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and has been a resident of Leesville, Louisiana since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Terence L. Carter is a member of the 2021 graduating class of Pickering High School, located in Leesville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, while at Pickering High School, he was member of the cross country and track teams; and

WHEREAS, Terence was also a member of the Spanish Honor Society, the Quiz Bowl Team, and the Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, he simultaneously attended Leesville High School for purposes of being a cadet in their JROTC program; and

WHEREAS, while a member of the JROTC program, he attained the commanding position of executive officer, also known as "XO"; and

WHEREAS, an "XO" has many responsibilities which include but are not limited to supervising and directing cadets, ensuring orders and actions are in line with JROTC rules and regulations, making operational decisions working with school authorities to coordinate activities, being responsible for all the battalion does or fails to do, and preparing for and conducting training of the battalion; and

WHEREAS, he was an Eagle Scout and attained membership into the exclusive "Order of the Arrow", which recognizes Scouts that best exemplify the Scout oath and law in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2021, Terence received his acceptance letter from West Point Academy; and

WHEREAS, this is an amazing feat when factoring that West Point's admission rate hovers between ten and twelve percent of applicants per year, and applicants must have very high GPAs and high scores on the ACT and/or SAT; and

WHEREAS, West Point Academy was founded in 1802, one year after President Thomas Jefferson directed that plans be set in motion to establish the United States Military Academy at West Point; and

WHEREAS, the academic program grants a Bachelor of Science degree with a curriculum that grades cadets' performance upon a broad academic program, military leadership performance, and mandatory participation in competitive athletics; and

WHEREAS, cadets are required to adhere to the "Cadet Honor Code", which states that "a Cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do"; and

WHEREAS, the academy bases a cadet's leadership experience as a development of all four pillars of performance: academics, character, physical, and military; and

WHEREAS, among the country's public institutions, the academy is the top producer of Marshall and Rhodes scholars; its alumni and students are collectively referred to as "The Long Gray Line", and its ranks include two United States Presidents; presidents of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and the Philippines; numerous famous generals; and seventy-six Medal of Honor recipients; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from high school, Terence will immediately begin his matriculation at West Point Academy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and recognize Terence L. Carter Jr. for being accepted into West Point Academy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Terence L. Carter Jr. and to Pickering High School.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE