

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVE LARVADAIN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Colonel Katrina E. Lloyd, the first African American and first woman named battalion commander, full-time state surgeon, and medical command administrative officer for the Louisiana Army National Guard.

WHEREAS, Katrina Lloyd graduated from Grambling State University in 1995 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing; Katrina served as a traditional guardsman in the Louisiana Army National Guard of the U.S. Army while pursuing her nursing degree, and after ten years in the Guard, Sergeant Lloyd was commissioned as a second lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, during her stellar military career, Colonel Lloyd has been assigned to the posts of Youth Challenge Program cadre and instructor, chief clinical nurse for the 1/159th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, commander for the 756th Area Support Medical Company, deputy commander of Clinical Services, deputy commander of Administrative Services for the Louisiana State Medical Detachment, and battalion commander for the 2/199th Regional Training Institute; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Lloyd is the recipient of numerous awards and decorations, among them, the Meritorious Service Medal, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Commendation Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Army Superior Unit Award; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device and Silver Hourglass; Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon; and Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 2; Colonel Lloyd is active in the National

Guard Association of the United States and is a life member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Colonel Lloyd earned a master of science degree in nursing as a family nurse practitioner from Northwestern State University of Louisiana; since 2007, she has served as a clinical preceptor, and in 2012, she was named to the adjunct faculty for the nurse practitioner program; she was the first African American nurse practitioner in Rapides Parish; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her productive military service, Colonel Lloyd has a prolific civic life; she served on the board of and remains active in the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and from 2015 to 2017, she served on the board of the Rapides Parish Civil Service Board; she is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, The Links, Incorporated, the Northwestern State University Alumni Association, and is a life member of the Grambling State University Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2018, Colonel Lloyd was named battalion commander for the Louisiana State Medical Command and full-time state surgeon for the Louisiana Army National Guard while serving as the Louisiana Medical Command administrative officer; she is the first African American and the first woman appointed to these positions, the first soldier appointed simultaneously to all three, and the only female administrative officer in the Louisiana Army National Guard; she is the second African American woman to earn the rank of Colonel /06 in the Louisiana Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Katrina E. Lloyd is the first African American woman from the Louisiana Army National Guard to receive an invitation to the U.S. Army War College and will graduate July 26, 2019, and will be the fourth woman to graduate from the college; it is fitting to recognize and laud the outstanding and historical military career of Colonel Katrina E. Lloyd.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Colonel Katrina E. Lloyd for her exceptional military and civil service to Louisiana and to the United States of America; does hereby express heartfelt congratulations upon her promotion to colonel and her imminent graduation

in July 2019 from the U.S. Army War College; and does hereby extend best wishes for continued excellence and success in every endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Colonel Katrina E. Lloyd.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES