

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 267

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Master Sergeant Cedric E. Phelps on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Cedric E. Phelps served as the fuels superintendent for the 307th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, where he participated in the management of the command's largest fuels operations, which included five fuel grades, one fuels facility, twenty associated tanks, and nine special purpose refueling vehicles; he also advised the commander and command chief on the status of all assigned personnel; and

WHEREAS, MSgt. Phelps directly supervised fifteen airmen and managed the safe issuing of three hundred thousand gallons of aviation fuel to more than three hundred aircraft without any mishaps or delays from January 2011 to January 2021; he also thoroughly trained and equipped all personnel to become combat ready airmen for five deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, MSgt. Phelps was the driving force behind the 307th Logistics Squadron Fuels Flight's recognition as the "Best in the Air Force" by winning the Annual Golden Derrick Award; he also participated in numerous exercises and contingency deployments during his thirty-three year career; and

WHEREAS, MSgt. Phelps was born in Shreveport to Glenda Edwards-McFarland and the late Melvin Pickens, and he is a graduate of Woodlawn High School; he joined the United States Air Force in 1989, and entered basic training at Lackland Air Force Base; upon graduating from basic training, he attended KC-10 Aircraft maintenance training at Shepard Air Force Base and Travis Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, after completing maintenance training, MSgt. Phelps received his home station and unit of assignment with the 98 CAMS (Maintenance Squad) at Barksdale Air Force Base; he later cross-trained to the POL fuels management flight to serve as a liquid fuels operator; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Cedric E. Phelps is most deserving of the highest recognition for dedicating more than three decades to the protection and service of both the state of Louisiana and the country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Master Sergeant Cedric E. Phelps on the occasion of his retirement on October 1, 2022, and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper in all of his endeavors, for he is among Louisiana's most cherished sons.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES