

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 301

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the late Major General James W. Graves, for his service to the United States of America, the state of Louisiana, and Shreveport-Bossier City

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the late Major General James W. Graves for his numerous accomplishments
3 and years of dedication in the United States military.

4 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves was born in Dayton, Ohio, to Colonel
5 Needham Warren and Patricia Marian Graves; and

6 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves grew up in England; and

7 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves graduated from The College of
8 William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts degree; and

9 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves then joined the United States Air Force
10 and attended Officer Training School; and

11 WHEREAS, at twenty-four years old, Major General James W. Graves followed his
12 dream of becoming an Air Force pilot and maintained active overseas service; and

13 WHEREAS, after his active service, Major General James W. Graves further
14 continued his education by graduating from the Louisiana State University Law Center with
15 a Juris Doctor degree; and

16 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves practiced law in Shreveport,
17 Louisiana, while continuing his service in the United States Air Force Reserve; and

18 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves accumulated over four thousand hours
19 of military flight time in the T-37, T-38, RF-4, A-37, A-10, and B-52 aircrafts, including
20 supervisory flights in F-16, KC-10, C-130, C-5, and C-17 aircrafts; and

1 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves was an accomplished civilian pilot
2 with over two thousand hours of flying civilian aircrafts; and

3 WHEREAS, upon obtaining the rank as Major General James W. Graves and as a
4 part of his service, he led with distinction as a reconnaissance pilot, fighter pilot, weapons
5 officer, instructor, flight examiner, flight commander, assistant operations officer, squadron
6 commander, vice wing commander, Mobilization Assistant to the Director of Plans and
7 Programs to the Commander of Air University, to the Commander of Pacific Air Forces, and
8 culminated his career as the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for
9 Reserve Matters in Washington, D.C.; and

10 WHEREAS, following his retirement, Major General James W. Graves continued
11 to take special interest in general aviation in the city of Shreveport and the entire state of
12 Louisiana; and

13 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves was a founder and organized the
14 Shreveport Airports Hangar Owners Association to improve opportunities for aviation in the
15 Shreveport area and to encourage better ground lease opportunities on Shreveport airports;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves was recognized with numerous awards
18 and decorations including the Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit,
19 Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Distinguished Service Medal; and

20 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves passed away on November 12, 2022;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Major General James W. Graves is survived by his beloved wife,
23 Brenda Graves; his daughters, Arianne, Nicole (husband Colton), Lisa (husband Matt),
24 Kristin, and Carlyn (husband Todd); his sons, United States Air Force Academy Cadet
25 Warren, Michael, and Landry; grandchildren Joanna, Mary, Elijah, Rebekah, Moses, Joseph,
26 David, Landry Jr., Abigail, Jack, and Carter; and two sisters Amy and Marilyn.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Major General James W. Graves for his
29 many accomplishments, dedication, and service to the state of Louisiana and the United
30 States of America in the United States Air Force.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HR 301 Original

2025 Regular Session

Crews

Commends Major General James W. Graves for his many accomplishments and dedication to the U.S. Air Force and service to the citizens of La.