

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 301

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES