

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY SENATOR KOSTELKA

A RESOLUTION

To commend Chris Joseph LeBlanc upon his retirement after a long and distinguished career as a member of the United States Army with twenty-four years of service to his country, having achieved the rank of Major, and as a financial advisor following his retirement from the military.

WHEREAS, Chris Joseph LeBlanc was born in Klotzville, Louisiana, on July 17, 1950, to Marilyn and Joseph "Jo-Jo" LeBlanc, and is the brother of Diane, Debbie, and Lyn LeBlanc; and

WHEREAS, Chris is the husband of Jill Bergeret LeBlanc, originally of New Orleans, whom he met and married while he was an ROTC instructor at Tulane University and Loyola University, New Orleans, and the University of New Orleans, and both have been residents of Leavenworth, Kansas, since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Chris is the proud father of two sons, Paul and Dan, both of whom chose to further their formal education at Louisiana universities; Paul at Nicholls State University and Dan at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, where he was a member of the ROTC Program; and

WHEREAS, as a young boy Chris was a dedicated altar server for St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Parish in Paincourtville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Chris is an honor graduate of St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Paincourtville, Louisiana, and Assumption High School in Napoleonville, Louisiana, and was named the 2009-10 Distinguished Graduate of St. Elizabeth School by the Baton Rouge Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Chris attended the United States Military Academy at West Point from 1968 through 1972 on an honor scholarship from the academy, graduating in 1972 and attending U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, that year; and

WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc attended the Armor Officer Basic Course and Armor

Officer Motor Course at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, from 1972 through 1973; and

WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as Mortar and Tank Platoon Leader, Tank Company Executive Officer, 1st Battalion 73rd Armor Division at Camp Casey, Korea, from 1973 through 1974; and

WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as Scout Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion 67th Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas, from 1974 through 1975; and

WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as S-3 Air, Company Commander, Battalion Motor Officer, 2nd Battalion, 66th Armor Division, at Ft. Hood, Texas, from 1975 through 1978, with a six-month deployment to Grafenwohr, Germany, in 1975 and 1977; and

WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as an ROTC instructor at Tulane University and Loyola University, New Orleans, from 1978 through 1982; and

WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc completed the Defense Information Officer Course at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as the Public Affairs Officer, 2nd Armored Division Forward, from 1982 through 1984, and S-3, 2nd Battalion 66th Armor Division, from 1984 through 1985, at Garlstedt, Germany; and

WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc served as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1985 through 1988, and served as the Managing Editor of Military Review at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1988 through 1992; and

WHEREAS, Major LeBlanc retired from active duty in June 1992 after a successful and distinguished twenty-four year career in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Chris served as Financial Advisor at IDS Financial Services, Overland Park, Kansas, from 1992 through 1993; Financial Advisor and District Manager, IDS/American Express Financial Advisors, Overland Park and Leavenworth, Kansas, from 1993 through 2002; Interim Field Vice President, American Express Financial Advisors, Overland Park, Kansas, from 1995 through 1996; Financial Advisor and Branch Manager, Ameriprise Financial Advisors, Leavenworth, Kansas, from 2003 through 2008; and Financial Advisor, Ameriprise Financial Advisors, Leavenworth, Kansas, until 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chris retired from Ameriprise Financial Advisors in April 2013; and

WHEREAS, Chris enjoys in his leisure time annual trips to Belize to celebrate "Jerry Jeff Walker's Annual Birthday Bash!"; and

WHEREAS, Chris also enjoys all LSU sports and is a "die hard" Tiger baseball fan, and always is a spectator in Omaha when the Tigers play for the National Championship.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and extend its highest commendations to Chris Joseph LeBlanc for his remarkable business accomplishments and for his service to his country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chris Joseph LeBlanc.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE