

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Commander Matthew Noland of the United States Navy on the occasion of taking command of the guided missile destroyer USS KIDD.

WHEREAS, Matthew Noland was born in Baton Rouge to John and Lynn Noland; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from McKinley Senior High School and attended LSU on a music scholarship in violin performance; and

WHEREAS, as a sophomore, Matthew decided to become a naval officer, graduated in 2002 with a degree in history, and earned a naval commission through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

WHEREAS, he is married to Elizabeth Schroeter, a native of Zachary, Louisiana, and they have three daughters, Stella, Adrienne, and Remy; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has served aboard a guided missile frigate, two guided missile cruisers, and conducted a three-year naval exchange tour with the Royal Canadian Navy, living in Halifax, Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS, he earned a master's degree in strategy and warfare from the Naval War College in 2015 before serving as an Operational Planner on the 7th Fleet staff in Yokosuka, Japan, and is a Warfare and Tactics Instructor for Anti-Submarine and Anti-Surface Warfare; and

WHEREAS, most recently Matthew Noland completed an eighteen-month tour as Executive Officer onboard the guided missile destroyer USS KIDD (DDG 100) stationed in Everett, Washington; and

WHEREAS, like its predecessor in Baton Rouge, the ship is named for Rear Adm. Isaac C. Kidd, who died aboard the USS Arizona in the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor, the first American flag officer killed in World War II; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2021, Commander Matthew Noland is scheduled to take command of USS KIDD in a ceremony in Everett, Washington, when he will become the newest "Captain of the KIDD".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Commander Matthew Noland on taking command of the guided missile destroyer USS KIDD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Commander Matthew Noland.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES