

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Honorable Franklin J. Foil on the occasion of his retirement after thirty years of service in the United States Navy.

WHEREAS, Franklin J. Foil, son of Frank and Judith Foil, was born and raised in Baton Rouge where he earned varsity letters in football, tennis, and cross country in high school; and

WHEREAS, after attaining his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Louisiana State University and graduating from Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, Franklin received his commission in 1991 in the United States Navy as an officer in Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps and soon afterwards completed Officer Candidate School and the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, then Lieutenant Junior Grade Foil served on active duty at the Washington Navy Yard and was next stationed at the Naval Air Station Pensacola from 1993 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Senator Foil continued to serve his country in the United States Navy Reserve as a JAG officer upon his return to Baton Rouge where he served his community and state as an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church, the representative from District 70 from 2008 to 2020, and now as the senator from District 16 since 2020; and

WHEREAS, it was in Baton Rouge where he and his wife of thirty years, Tanja Foil, raised their family of three children, Kathleen, Grace, and Andy; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the United States Navy Reserve, Franklin J. Foil rose to the rank of Captain in 2009, was the commanding officer of the Naval Reserve Legal Office at the Naval Support Activity in Memphis, Tennessee, and later commanded the Naval Reserve Legal Office in Washington D.C. that provided legal services to Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard service members and their dependents to support fleet readiness; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Captain Foil was selected as a military trial judge by the Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy and held three trial judge positions in the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary where he presided over general court martials with worldwide jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, four years later, Captain Foil was appointed as an appellate judge at the Navy and Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals in Washington, D.C., where he reviewed Navy and Marine Corps cases appealed worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy recognized Captain Foil for serving our nation with distinction by presenting him with the Rear Admiral Hugh H. Howell Jr. Award for Excellence in 2007, and, in 2021, the Legion of Merit Award from the President of the United States for superior performance of duties culminated during his thirty years of honorable and dedicated military service; and

WHEREAS, even while receiving the Legion of Merit Award recognizing his exceptional level of meritorious conduct, Captain Foil was the epitome of selfless service by stating it had been a privilege to serve; and

WHEREAS, it is without question that Captain Foil is a genuine servant of the people and his commitment to the protection of the United States of America and its people is most deserving of recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Senator Franklin J. Foil on the occasion of his retirement after thirty years of meritorious service in the United States Navy; congratulate him for achieving the rank of captain; does hereby express the most genuine appreciation for Captain Foil's dedication to serving his country, his fellow sailors and marines, and his fellow Americans; and does hereby extend sincere wishes to him and his family for continued good health and prosperity.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Senator Franklin J. Foil.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES