

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 106

BY SENATORS JOHNS AND LAFLEUR AND REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend United States Air Force Master Sergeant Venance M. Robinson upon her retirement from active duty after a distinguished, twenty-five year career of service to her country.

WHEREAS, Venance Robinson is a native of Bunkie, Louisiana, graduating with honors from Bunkie High School in 1983 and then entering Louisiana State University of Alexandria to study broadcast communications; and

WHEREAS, after two years of college, she made a major lifetime decision to enlist in the armed forces of her country in order to further her education goals, render service to her country and see more of the world; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Robinson completed her basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and was then assigned to Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi, where she graduated from the Information Management apprentice course and began a series of assignments that would take her across her native country and eventually to air force installations around the world; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the U.S. Air Force, Master Sergeant Robinson began her overseas assignments in Osan, Korea, where she sang for her base's chapel choir and played basketball for the base team, which led to visits all over Korea, Hawaii, and Japan; and

WHEREAS, during this same time, Master Sergeant Robinson took many college level classes and in time she received both her bachelor's degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland and her master's degree in Business Organization and Security Management from Webster University in St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Robinson was grateful that her family, especially her mother, was able to attend these graduation ceremonies and witness her personal accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Robinson will remember forever the pride she felt when her mother, in failing health, and other family members traveled to Alabama to see her graduation from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy; and

WHEREAS, sadly, Master Sergeant Robinson lost her mother to cancer in 2012, but the joy she felt as her mother witnessed her successes during her career gave her great comfort and satisfaction that her mom was so very proud of her many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Robinson's military awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short with two oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long, the Air Force Longevity Service with five oak leaf clusters, the Noncommissioned Officers Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Training Ribbon and the NATO Medal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its highest commendations to United States Air Force Master Sergeant Vinence M. Robinson for her life time of armed forces service to her country and for being a true and shining example to others of the excellence and tremendous dedication that America's men and women in uniform display with their service and love of country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does also extend its deepest sympathies and condolences to Master Sergeant Robinson for the loss of her beloved mother.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to United States Air Force Master Sergeant Vinence M. Robinson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES