**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COLONEL DANIEL T. “SHIP” LASICA, COMMANDER OF THE 20TH FIGHTER WING AT SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SACRIFICES IN DEFENDING OUR COUNTRY; AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS HE CONTINUES HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER.

Whereas, a native of Western Springs, Illinois, Colonel Lasica earned his commission in 1994, graduating from the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He also graduated from Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Embry‑Riddle Aeronautical University with a Master’s in Aviation and Aerospace Operations, the Naval Command and Staff College of the Naval War College with a Master’s in National Security and Strategic Studies, the School of Advanced Military Studies at Fort Leavenworth with a Master’s in Military Art and Science, and the Eisenhower School at Fort McNair with a Master’s in National Security and Resource Strategy; and

Whereas, during the course of his service with the United States Air Force, Colonel Lasica has served as a T‑37 instructor pilot, F‑16 instructor pilot, F‑16 flight examiner, C‑208 instructor pilot, C‑208 flight examiner, flight commander, assistant operations officer, squadron commander, and group commander and has recently been nominated for appointment to the rank of brigadier general. He has served at the squadron, group, wing, numbered air force, and joint staff levels. As a command pilot, he flew 3,875 flying hours with operational deployments supporting Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; and

Whereas, in his current role as commander for the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base, Colonel Lasica is responsible for the mission readiness of the wing’s aircraft, 17 wing staff agencies, stewardship of the base, and the health and welfare of 7,886 active duty Airmen and civilians and more than 8,000 family members. Further, he supervises the support of the 25,000 local military retirees and 24 geographically separated units across nine states; and

Whereas, Colonel Lasica has also been a consistent and capable advocate for issues and initiatives in South Carolina that are of importance to servicemen and women, veterans, military installations, and the public. Colonel Lasica’s engagement and leadership have been essential to the adoption of critical legislation such as the Real ID legislation of 2017 and other measures that foster a military-friendly atmosphere in South Carolina; and

Whereas, Colonel Lasica has received a number of awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal; and

Whereas, the Senate is exceedingly grateful for the dedicated service, sacrifice, and hard work that Colonel Lasica has bestowed upon Shaw Air Force Base and look forward to hearing of his continued success upon reassignment to Aviano Air Force Base in Italy. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, recognize and honor Colonel Daniel T. “Ship” Lasica, commander of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base, for his outstanding service to the United States Air Force and the State of South Carolina; thank him for his sacrifices in defending our country, and wish him much success and happiness as he continues his illustrious career.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Colonel Daniel T. Lasica.

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