

By: Wray

H.R. No. 324

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Shane M. McDermott is retiring
2 from the United States Air Force on March 1, 2019, drawing to a
3 close an exemplary military career that has spanned two decades;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas, Shane McDermott graduated from
6 Waxahachie High School in 1992; he attended West Texas A&M
7 University on a baseball scholarship and obtained a bachelor of
8 science degree in engineering technology in 1998; after receiving
9 his U.S. Air Force commission in 1999, he was sent to Naval Air
10 Station Pensacola for Joint Undergraduate Navigator Training; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed officer earned his aviator wings in
12 2000 and was subsequently assigned to the B-52H; in the ensuing
13 years, he rose through the ranks as first lieutenant, captain, and
14 then major before being promoted to lieutenant colonel in 2014, and
15 along the way, he held assignments at bases across the country; a
16 Master Navigator with more than 2,300 flight hours, he has
17 completed nuclear and conventional tours, and he has deployed
18 multiple times in support of combat operations in Guam and Qatar; in
19 March 2018, he took on his most recent role as chief of the Master
20 Air Attack Plan Branch for the 608th Air Operations Center at
21 Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana; and

22 WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding record of service,
23 Lieutenant Colonel McDermott has garnered numerous awards and
24 commendations, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal,

1 the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the
2 Joint Service Achievement Medal, among others; and

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Shane McDermott has earned the
4 lasting respect of his fellow service members for his
5 professionalism and commitment to the highest ideals of the United
6 States armed forces, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his
7 contributions to the defense of this nation; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Shane M.
10 McDermott on his retirement from the U.S. Air Force and extend to
11 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Lieutenant Colonel McDermott as an expression of high
14 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.