

Senate Engrossed

Salvatore Carpitano; death resolution

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SENATE RESOLUTION 1002

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL SALVATORE CARPITANO.

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1 The Members of the Arizona Senate join the international military
2 community in mourning the untimely passing of Lieutenant Colonel Salvatore
3 Carpitano on January 23, 2026.

4 Born on September 12, 1986, in Catania, Italy, between Mount Etna
5 and the Ionian Sea, Lieutenant Colonel Carpitano dedicated his life to
6 service, joining the Italian Armed Forces in 2015 at the age of 29 and
7 faithfully serving his home country for eleven years.

8 Lieutenant Colonel Carpitano served as a proud allied partner to the
9 United States Air Force, embodying the strength, cooperation and shared
10 values that define the enduring alliance between the United States and
11 Italy.

12 Luke Air Force Base is recognized as the premier international
13 training center for the F-35 fighter aircraft, training more than seventy
14 percent of the world's F-35 pilots and hosting defense representatives
15 from 17 allied and partner nations.

16 From January 2023 until his passing, Lieutenant Colonel Carpitano
17 served with distinction in the 62nd Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base
18 as an F-35 instructor pilot and evaluator pilot. In this capacity, he
19 trained and mentored aviators from the United States, Italy and Norway and
20 greatly advanced the mission of multinational fighter pilot instruction.

21 Throughout his career, Lieutenant Colonel Carpitano held key
22 leadership positions, including Flight Commander and Chief of Training,
23 culminating in his service as Deputy Commander of the 56th Operations
24 Group, where he contributed to the operational excellence of the 56th
25 Fighter Wing and its extensive annual flying hour and sortie program.

26 Lieutenant Colonel Carpitano was entrusted with oversight of the
27 F-35 partner-country flight hours program, aligning resources between the
28 United States Air Force and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Air Forces
29 to strengthen allied readiness, interoperability and global security.

30 Lieutenant Colonel Carpitano also supported Arizona's
31 partner-country driver's license reciprocity legislation, reflecting his
32 commitment to improving the quality of life for allied service members and
33 their families stationed in this state.

34 Lieutenant Colonel Carpitano's tremendous contributions strengthened
35 the bonds between allied nations and enhanced Arizona's role in global
36 military readiness.

37 Beyond his professional accomplishments, Lieutenant Colonel
38 Carpitano was known for his humility, integrity and kindness, greeting all
39 with warmth and treating every individual with dignity and respect.

40 Lieutenant Colonel Carpitano was a devoted husband and father and is
41 survived by his beloved wife, Emilia, and daughter, Sofia, whose lives
42 were enriched by his love and dedication.

1 Therefore

2 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

3 That the Members of the Senate honor the life and distinguished
4 service of Lieutenant Colonel Salvatore Carpitano and extend their deepest
5 condolences to his family, fellow service members and the international
6 defense community during this time of profound loss.