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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVES LIGI, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BROSSETT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONORE, HOWARD, HUTTER, HUVAL, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MONICA, MONTUCET, MORENO, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, TALBOT, TEMPLET, THIBAUT, THIERRY, TUCKER, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATOR MARTINY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Joseph Anthony Bovia, United States Marine Corps, of Kenner, who was killed in action in Afghanistan.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Sergeant Joseph Anthony Bovia, who was killed on Tuesday, August 31, 2010, at the age of twenty-four, while serving his country in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bovia died while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bovia was assigned to the 3rd Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, at Okinawa, Japan; and

WHEREAS, as a senior in high school, Sergeant Bovia continued the long military tradition of his family, signing up for the Marine Corps at the age of seventeen with his parents' permission; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bovia began his military career at Parris Island, South Carolina, before shipping out to Japan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bovia, who loved the Marine Corps deeply, gave up a stateside position to return to combat, was part of an expeditionary force near Marjah that hunted for roadside bombs ahead of his comrades, and was five weeks into his tour when he was killed in action; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bovia was the beloved son of Teresa Moorhead Bovia and Herbert Joseph Bovia, Jr.; brother of Matthew Pierce Bovia; brother-in-law of Kaitlin Ward Bovia; grandson of the late Valerie Bonvillain and Herbert Bovia and Helen Hawkins and Robert Moorhead; nephew of Susan and Jack Doell, Ray and Shirley Bonvillain, and Marshall Moorhead; and cousin of Justin and Caroline Doell, Kirstie Dobson, Robert Moorhead, and Helen Thompson; and

WHEREAS, the death of Sergeant Bovia leaves an unspeakable emptiness in the hearts of his family members and friends, who may find comfort in the knowledge that he lived his life heroically and according to deeply held principles and that his legacy will continue to be an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bovia also will be mourned and sorely missed by those who had the honor of serving with him and who will always remember him as a selfless Marine and a cherished friend; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Sergeant Bovia upheld the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and brought honor to himself, his family, his friends, his state, and this nation; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bovia performed his duties in an outstanding fashion, and it is only fitting to pay tribute to him for his extraordinary service and ultimate sacrifice for his country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its most sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Joseph Anthony Bovia, United States Marine Corps, of Kenner; does hereby recognize the pride that he will forever bring to his family, friends, and fellow Marines, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America; and does hereby acknowledge with profound gratitude the heroic deeds of this brave gentleman who gave his life for the cause of freedom and liberty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Joseph Anthony Bovia.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE