

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON, ECHOLS, GADBERRY, JEFFERSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, MCFARLAND, MOORE, RISER, AND TURNER AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CORTEZ, FESI, FOIL, HARRIS, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JACKSON, JOHNS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, PETERSON, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD, WHITE, AND WOMACK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Louisiana congressman-elect Luke Letlow.

WHEREAS, Luke Joshua Letlow was born to Johnny and Dianne Letlow on December 6, 1979, in Richland Parish, Louisiana; he grew up in Start, Louisiana, and graduated from Ouachita Christian School in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow's passion for politics surfaced at an early age when, during his fifth-grade class's field trip to Washington, D.C., he was chosen to place a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow was a member of the 2003 graduating class at Louisiana Tech University; at Tech, he earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and continued to pursue his passion for politics, serving as chairman of both the Louisiana Tech College Republicans and the Louisiana Federation of College Republicans; and

WHEREAS, following his college graduation, Mr. Letlow's political pursuits continued; he served on the staffs of Congressman John Cooksey and Congressman and Governor Bobby Jindal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow married his high school sweetheart, Dr. Julia Barnhill Letlow, on April 27, 2013; that same year, the couple moved to Denver, where Luke worked in the oil and gas industry before returning to Louisiana to continue his political work; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Louisiana, Mr. Letlow ran Dr. Ralph Abraham's 2014 successful campaign for congress; he then served as Congressman Abraham's chief of staff for the duration of his six-year tenure in office; in 2020, he successfully ran for the 5th Congressional District seat and was to be sworn into the United States House of Representatives on January 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Congressman-elect Letlow tragically passed away from complications due to the COVID-19 virus on December 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow's favorite phrases were "win the day" and "go, fight, win"; he is remembered across the state for his servant's heart and peaceful nature; his passion for Louisiana and its history brought him great joy throughout his forty-one years, especially during his congressional campaign; and

WHEREAS, Luke Joshua Letlow was a true Louisianian who cared deeply for his family and his community; he is survived by his wife, Dr. Julia Barnhill Letlow; his son, Jeremiah John Letlow; his daughter, Jacqueline Taylor Letlow; his parents, Johnny and Dianne Letlow; his brothers, Paul and Matt Letlow and their spouses and children; his grandmother, Mary Taylor; and a host of other family and friends; he will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of Louisiana congressman-elect Luke Letlow; does hereby recognize his passion for the people of the state of Louisiana; does hereby acknowledge his commitment to serving the ideals of democracy in this great country; and does hereby extend genuine hopes and wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort during this extremely difficult time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Luke Letlow.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE