

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

BY REPRESENTATIVES GUILLORY, 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, 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, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MONICA, MONTOUCET, 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

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Corporal Matthew T.

Richard, United States Marine Corps, of Iota, 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 Corporal Matthew T. Richard, who was killed on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at the age of twenty-one, while serving his country in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Richard died while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Richard was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the death of Corporal Richard 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, Corporal Richard 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 Corporal Richard 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, Corporal Richard 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 House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its most sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Corporal Matthew T. Richard, United States Marine Corps, of Iota; 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 Corporal Matthew T. Richard.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES