

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 170

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE

A RESOLUTION

To commend posthumously U.S. Army Specialist Caleb Collins for his selfless act of bravery on July 25, 2015.

WHEREAS, St. Augustine High School Class of 2011 graduate and U.S. Army Specialist Caleb Collins tragically lost his life at the tender age of twenty-two years as he attempted to rescue a friend from drowning in the Pacific Ocean on July 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Collins was a member of the Marching 100 color guard during his high school years at historic St. Augustine High School in New Orleans' 7th Ward; he was an excellent soldier who had advanced in rank after his enlistment in the U.S. Army and was a motor vehicle operator in the 25th Infantry Division at Honolulu's Schofield Barracks at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Collins and Specialist Shyheim Tashan Andrews were hiking at Halona Beach Park when Specialist Andrews was hit by a wave and pulled into the water; Specialist Collins immediately jumped into the water in an attempt to save Andrews; and

WHEREAS, Caleb's efforts to rescue his friend sadly resulted in his death, and Specialist Andrews also died on that unfortunate day; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 20, 2017, Specialist Caleb Collins was posthumously honored with the Soldier's Medal for valor, the highest military peacetime award for bravery awarded by the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to posthumously commend Specialist Caleb Collins for his selfless act of bravery and for the positive impact this Purple Knight of St. Augustine, friend to many, soldier, and hero had on the lives of those who knew him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend posthumously U.S. Army Specialist Caleb Collins and does hereby record for posterity his accomplishments in life and the brave act that resulted in his death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Caleb Collins.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES