

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 130

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Taylor Conrad upon his death during a military flight training mission.

WHEREAS, Taylor Conrad was a native of Central, Louisiana, and in 2012 graduated from Central High School where he was an outstanding athlete in the school's football program as well as being a champion power lifter; and

WHEREAS, Taylor was known by his fellow players and coaches as a mentor to children with special needs, giving freely of his time to the international nonprofit program "Best Buddies" which is a program dedicated to ending the social, physical, and economic isolation of people with intellectual and physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Taylor began working with special needs children when he was just fifteen years old and was actively involved and committed to making a difference in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Taylor entered Louisiana State University after high school, intending on a career as a special needs teacher, but in 2015 decided he would follow in his father's footsteps and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Taylor would thrive under the Spartan conditions of the Marine Corps, learning the skills he would need to be an outstanding Marine and a leader that his fellow Marines would follow; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Conrad was considered by his fellow Marines to be the gold standard of the quiet, tough determination that all Marines need to develop if they are to become one of the proud, the few, worthy of the title, United States Marine; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Conrad, after his basic and advanced training, was stationed with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing out of the Miramar Air Station in San Diego, where he was training as a Crew Chief on a CH-53E Super Stallion, the largest helicopter in the U.S. military, used primarily in minesweeping and transporting operations, capable of moving dozens of troops and tons of cargo at one time; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Conrad was one of four crew members aboard the massive aircraft performing training tactics on desert landings with the CH-53E on Tuesday afternoon, April 3, 2018, when it crashed for unknown reasons in a remote area near the Mexican border; and

WHEREAS, also adding to the depth of the anguish was the fact that Lance Corporal Conrad was a new father to daughter Annabelle Leigh Conrad.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its sincere and most profound condolences to the family of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Taylor Conrad for their pain and loss and for his incredible sacrifice on behalf of his country and the Corps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of USMC Lance Corporal Taylor Conrad.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE