

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY SENATOR MORRISH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Carson Fasske for his efforts in a rescue at sea of an injured crewman overboard from the Ms Mia.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Carson Fasske for his brave efforts in a rescue at sea of an injured crewman
3 thrown overboard in heavy seas in the Gulf of Mexico.

4 WHEREAS, on May 20, 2010, the M/V Ms Mia issued a Mayday distress call when
5 a crewman was injured and thrown from the pitching deck into heavy seas off the shore of
6 Cameron Parish; and

7 WHEREAS, at approximately 6:20 a.m., the crew of the Calcasieu Pass Pilot Boat
8 received the distressed ship's radio call by way of a relay set up with Lake Charles Pilot, Unit
9 11; and

10 WHEREAS, the Lake Charles Pilot Boat immediately began calls for assistance from
11 the United States Coast Guard operating in the area and began coordinating actions between
12 the Ms Mia, the pilot boat, and the coast guard; and

13 WHEREAS, the Lake Charles Pilot Boat informed the two other vessels that there
14 was a man overboard extraction unit on board and that the pilot boat, operating under the
15 orders of Captain John "Buck" Stephenson, began making way at top speed to the scene of
16 the accident; and

17 WHEREAS, upon reaching the location of the Ms. Mia, Captain Stephenson lowered
18 Mate Carson Fasske in the extraction device into the open seas where Fasske pulled the

1 severely injured crewman into the device and both men were raised on to the swim platform
2 of the pilot boat; and

3 WHEREAS, Captain Stephenson left the helm and with Mate Fasske, carried the
4 injured crewman who had severe gashes to both sides of his neck, up the stairs to the main
5 deck where first aid treatment was rendered; and

6 WHEREAS, Captain Stephenson returned to the helm and Mate Fasske worked on
7 stopping the injured crewman's profuse bleeding and began efforts to combat the shock the
8 crewman was suffering; and

9 WHEREAS, Mate Fasske stabilized the injured crewman, wrapped him in blankets,
10 treated his shock and began to apply pressure to stop the heavy bleeding from the neck
11 wounds; and

12 WHEREAS, Captain Stephenson set a heading for Cameron, Louisiana, at top speed,
13 while in constant radio contact with Coast Guard Houston and relaying conditions of the
14 crewman and their location; and

15 WHEREAS, with Captain Stephenson at the wheel and a coast guard diver and Mate
16 Fasske treating the injured crewman, a coast guard helicopter arrived on site, lowered a
17 rescue basket and flew the crewman to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas, where
18 he made a full recovery.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20 does hereby extend its highest commendations to Mate Carson Fasske for his quick actions,
21 brave efforts, and great dedication during the rescue of an injured fellow seaman on the
22 stormy seas of the Gulf of Mexico.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mate
24 Carson Fasske.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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