

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Marine Corporal Jessie Wilhite upon his death while serving his country as a member of its armed forces.

WHEREAS, Jessie Wilhite was born on November 21, 1992, in Monroe, Louisiana, and the son of Renee Wilhite and George Collier; and

WHEREAS, he attended Neville High School graduating in 2011; and

WHEREAS, he was an outstanding athlete as a member of the Neville High School football team playing the position of linebacker and helped the team make the playoffs every year he competed; and

WHEREAS, Cpl. Wilhite had a deep love for his community and country; and

WHEREAS, he joined the United States Marines in April 2013 and served honorably until his death; and

WHEREAS, during his time as a Marine he served as a Motor Transport Operator; and

WHEREAS, the motor transport field includes operations and maintenance functions for tactical and commercial motor vehicle services; and

WHEREAS, military transportation plays a key role in ensuring that the Marines and joint forces can execute global force projection and sustain forces throughout several combat theaters of operation; and

WHEREAS, transportation is essential to effective and efficient force generation and sustainment; and

WHEREAS, Cpl. Wilhite excelled in his field and went beyond the call of duty countless times to ensure the completion of various missions; and

WHEREAS, the Marines have fourteen leadership traits which are Justice, Judgment, Dependability, Initiative, Decisiveness, Tact, Integrity, Endurance, Bearing, Unselfishness, Courage, Knowledge, Loyalty and Enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, during his service he exemplified the fourteen marine leadership traits and thrived 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 admire; and

WHEREAS, Cpl. Wilhite entered eternal peace on Friday, March 16, 2018, at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, also adding to the depth of anguish, he is survived by his wife Brooklyn, and sons Kendrick, Jamari, and Ethan.

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 United States Marine Corporal Jessie Wilhite 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 Corporal Jessie Wilhite.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE