

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 89

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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 Corps Lance Corporal Evan Burnett upon his death while serving in the armed forces of his country.

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Burnett was a native of Monroe, Louisiana, and a resident of Ft. Necessity, Louisiana, at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Burnett was a 2009 graduate of Franklin Parish High School and was a member of the school's Reserve Officer Training Corps because of his strong interest in military service; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January of 2015 and began the tough, demanding challenge of Marine Corps basic training at Paris Island, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Burnett continued his training and was successful in achieving the title of Data Network Specialist and worked in that capacity while he was stationed at Camp LeJeune, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Burnett proved himself to be a fine marine and was proud of serving his country as a member of the Marine Corps, which he considered the finest fighting force in the world; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Burnett died during a visit to his home in Fort Necessity on January 28, 2017, leaving his family and close friends in the dark about the reasons and causes behind his death; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his mother, Kathleen Burnett of Fort Necessity; his brother, Dustin and sister-in-law, Lorna, and their children Conner and Adrian, all of Baton Rouge; his sister and brother-in-law, Jamie and Caleb Smith of Rayville; and his grandmother Irma Carter of Winnsboro; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Lance Corporal Burnett is immeasurable to those who loved him and who now must struggle with the mystery of his passing at such a young age with so much of his life still before him; and

WHEREAS, his untimely death will never be forgotten by those who witnessed his solemn funeral ceremony and saw the full military honors bestowed upon him by the Marine Corps Honor Guard that laid him in his final resting place.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family and friends of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Evan Burnett for their loss and his great sacrifice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the mother of Evan Burnett.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE