A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Louisiana congressman-elect Luke Letlow.

WHEREAS, Luke Joshua Letlow was born to Johnny and Dianne Letlow on December 6, 1979, in Richland Parish, Louisiana; he grew up in Start, Louisiana, and graduated from Ouachita Christian School in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow's passion for politics surfaced at an early age when, during his fifth-grade class's field trip to Washington, D.C., he was chosen to place a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow was a member of the 2003 graduating class at Louisiana Tech University; at Tech, he earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and continued to pursue his passion for politics, serving as chairman of both the Louisiana Tech College Republicans and the Louisiana Federation of College Republicans; and

WHEREAS, following his college graduation, Mr. Letlow's political pursuits continued; he served on the staffs of Congressman John Cooksey and Congressman and Governor Bobby Jindal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow married his high school sweetheart, Dr. Julia Barnhill Letlow, on April 27, 2013; that same year, the couple moved to Denver, where Luke worked in the oil and gas industry before returning to Louisiana to continue his political work; and
WHEREAS, upon returning to Louisiana, Mr. Letlow ran Dr. Ralph Abraham's 2014 successful campaign for congress; he then served as Congressman Abraham's chief of staff for the duration of his six-year tenure in office; in 2020, he successfully ran for the 5th Congressional District seat and was to be sworn into the United States House of Representatives on January 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Congressman-elect Letlow tragically passed away from complications due to the COVID-19 virus on December 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow's favorite phrases were "win the day" and "go, fight, win"; he is remembered across the state for his servant's heart and peaceful nature; his passion for Louisiana and its history brought him great joy throughout his forty-one years, especially during his congressional campaign; and

WHEREAS, Luke Joshua Letlow was a true Louisianian who cared deeply for his family and his community; he is survived by his wife, Dr. Julia Barnhill Letlow; his son, Jeremiah John Letlow; his daughter, Jacqueline Taylor Letlow; his parents, Johnny and Dianne Letlow; his brothers, Paul and Matt Letlow and their spouses and children; his grandmother, Mary Taylor; and a host of other family and friends; he will be deeply missed but certainly never forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of Louisiana congressman-elect Luke Letlow; does hereby recognize his passion for the people of the state of Louisiana; does hereby acknowledge his commitment to serving the ideals of democracy in this great country; and does hereby extend genuine hopes and wishes that his family, friends, and loved ones find comfort during this extremely difficult time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Luke Letlow.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE