

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY SENATOR PERRY

CONDOLENCES. To express condolences from the Senate of the Louisiana Legislature on the death of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Taylor Conrad.

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Taylor would thrive under the Spartan conditions of the Marine Corps,

1 learning the skills he would need to be an outstanding Marine and a leader that his fellow  
2 Marines would follow; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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