

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 64

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Navy Lieutenant Adam A. Dyer upon his death during a training mission off the California coast.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Adam A. Dyer was a native of Lafayette, Louisiana, and attended Lafayette High School before graduating from the prestigious Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts in Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dyer had distinguished himself as a member of the Boy Scouts of America as he displayed great discipline and dedication on the way to attaining the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dyer enrolled at Louisiana State University, immersing himself in his studies and receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in 2002 before he followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps of military service and was commissioned into the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dyer loved the armed forces and set his goal to become a Naval Aviator as he applied for and was accepted into the Navy's primary flight training program and subsequently to advanced flight training and Helicopter Training Squadron 18 in Pensacola, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dyer earned his wings and was designated a Naval Aviator in November, 2004, receiving his next duty assignment with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 3 in San Diego, California, where he could get the required flying time in his aircraft of choice, the MH-60S; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dyer's greatest challenge came when he was instrumental in the forming of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23 in 2005, and played a vital role in hurricane relief operations in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina, for which he received highly respected awards such as the Joint Service Achievement Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dyer's training continued to serve him well as he completed two successful tours of duty in Middle East combat zones, performing bravely as he conducted numerous rescue missions under hazardous circumstances without losing any of his crew or those rescued; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dyer was recognized for his courageous and outstanding abilities, receiving awards and decorations, including the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dyer was twenty-eight years old as he and his crew of three other sailors aboard the Knighthawk Helicopter took off from the Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado, January 26, 2007, with Expeditionary Strike Group 5, when contact was lost with the aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dyer, pursuant to his own wishes, was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, beside other heroes and military legends that had lost their lives in the service of their country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of United States Navy Lieutenant Adam A. Dyer for their loss and for the service and sacrifice given by Lieutenant Dyer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of United States Navy Lieutenant Adam A. Dyer.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE