

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

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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 Marine Corps Lance Corporal Thomas Adams, Jr., for his loss in the Desert Shield Theater of Operations while bravely serving his country during the mission to restore freedom and democracy to the conquered people of Kuwait.

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Thomas Adams, Jr., was a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and graduated from Glen Oaks High School in May 1988, with a great love of his country and a deep desire to serve it in the most significant manner possible, and it was no surprise to those who knew him when he enlisted in July 1988, in the United States Marine Corps, and began a distinguished and notable period of military service to his country; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Adams, after successfully completing the tough Marine training at Camp Pendleton, California, and meeting the challenge of the legendary "Crucible," and earning an expert rifle marksmanship award, went on to more advanced training, where he would focus on the discipline needed to become an avionics technician; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Adams, who would also devote additional time serving as a Catholic Lay Minister and helping others in need, would soon be stationed with the USS Okinawa working on Marine helicopters such as Ch53-CH6 helicopters, the AH-1 Cobra gun ship and vintage Hueys as part of his unit's mission during the tense period after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Adams, like other Marine aviators, would be recognized

by his comrades as a cool-thinking leatherneck who could be counted on in times of combat chaos and confusion; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Adams was twenty years of age when he and seven other brave young warriors began a dangerous night training mission, October 8, 1990, when, due to circumstances known only to God, two helicopter crews were lost at sea and eight sad stories came home; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Lance Corporal Adams was an immeasurable blow to his parents, Thomas Ray Adams, Sr., and Jennie Ann Reed Adams, a sister, Tara Lynn Adams, two younger brothers, Ted and Trenton Adams, and a niece and Godchild, Lauren Victoria Adams; but their pain was proudly tempered by the knowledge that their Marine was gallantly serving his country and doing a vital job that he was so well-trained to do; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Adams cannot be totally defined by his dedicated service in his nation's armed forces, and those who knew and loved him saw a great American who valued deeply the role that family and friendship plays in a life well-lived; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Adams, known and loved by so many as "Tommy," will be remembered forever as a young man who always made time for others and was a shining example of son, brother, and friend, and an inspiration to all who had the privilege to know, love, and serve with him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to the family of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Thomas Adams, Jr., for his loss in the noble and courageous defense of his country, and also declares that this brave Marine will be remembered forever by those he faithfully served. Semper Fi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Thomas Adams, Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE