Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY SENATOR ADLEY


A RESOLUTION
To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
death of United States Army Chief Warrant Officer Bryan J. Henderson while
serving in Operation Enduring Freedom.

WHEREAS, Bryan J. Henderson was a native of Fort Necessity, Louisiana, and
graduated from Franklin Parish High School in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Bryan enrolled in the University of Louisiana at Monroe, from which
he graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Aviation; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2007, and used his college education
to get into that service's aviation program and earn his wings as a Chief Warrant Officer and
aircraft commander; and

WHEREAS, CWO Henderson received his orders and was assigned to the 4th
Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division at
Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, CWO Henderson got plenty of combat flying experience as he and his
unit served with distinction during a deployment to Afghanistan with the legendary 3rd
Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, CWO Henderson learned much during his initial tour of duty in a
combat theater, returning to Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, and sharpening his aviation
skills through continued training; and

WHEREAS, he would soon be issued orders for a second deployment to Afghanistan
where he would become a member of Task Force Falcon, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade based
in Kandahar, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, when CWO Henderson and his fellow soldiers were not running
missions, they were busy training, day and night, and it was on such a routine training
mission, Monday night, March 11, 2013, that the UN-60 Black Hawk helicopter he was
aboard went down, mortally injuring him and the other four Task Force Falcon members;
and

WHEREAS, the cause of the crash was thoroughly investigated and no single reason
for it has been determined, what is known is that the five who perished on that flight were
some of the best that America had and they will all be mourned and sorely missed by family,
friends, loved ones, and their brothers at arms; and

WHEREAS, CWO Henderson served his country with great distinction and
dedication, earning his Army Aviator Badge, Combat Action Badge, and the Army Air
Medal, in addition to the service medals awarded to him during two combat tours as a
helicopter pilot; and

WHEREAS, CWO Bryan J. Henderson was only twenty-seven years old, but he
exhibited so many of the fine American traits that define leaders, both military and civilian,
and displayed such great bravery and grace under fire that all who knew him were proud to
say so.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
does hereby extend its deepest and most sincere condolences to the family of U.S. Chief
Warrant Officer Bryan J. Henderson on his death, and for his sacrifice and service to his
country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
family of CWO Bryan J. Henderson.
The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

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