

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY SENATOR ADLEY

CONDOLENCES. Extends condolences on the death of U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Bryan J. Henderson in Afghanistan.

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, CWO Henderson learned much during his initial tour of duty in a

1 combat theater, returning to Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, and sharpening his aviation  
2 skills through continued training; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
28 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.

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DIGEST

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