

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Derek Langford upon his death while serving in his country's armed forces.

WHEREAS, Derek Langford was a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, and graduated from Ruston High School where he was a member of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program; and

WHEREAS, Derek Langford enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as soon as he completed high school, traveling to Lackland Air Base for his basic training and technical school before being stationed at Tyndall Air Base as a telemetry apprentice; and

WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Langford cross trained in 2004, before proceeding to Creech Air Base in Nevada, where he served as a Communications Maintainer prior to his first deployment to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, during his thirteen year career in the U.S. Air Force, Technical Sergeant Langford would be deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom twice and to Operation Iraqi Freedom once, bravely serving in the combat theaters and helping his unit accomplish its mission; and

WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Langford would also serve a tour of duty in South Korea at Kunsan Air Base where he specialized as a Cyber Transport Technician; and

WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Langford eventually returned to Creech Air Base where he was assigned to the 799<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group and provided communications support for an additional eight years of loyal and steadfast service to his country; and

WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Langford would continue his education while serving in the military, always striving to be the best noncommissioned officer that he could be; and

WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Langford's greatest joy in life was his daughter, Jordan, and she soon became the major focus of his life; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2013, thirty-one year old Technical Sergeant Langford headed into the desert to test-drive his newly purchased 1992 GMC four-wheeler against the severe Nevada environment; and

WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Langford, with all of his hopes, dreams and plans ahead of him, would tragically never return from that trip and his loss would soon be felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his little girl, Jordan, who would never again see her father, but will always remember the feel of his loving touch.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its deepest and most profound condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Derek Langford for the loss they have suffered and for the sacrifice and service he gave to his country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Technical Sergeant Langford's family.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE