

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY SENATORS PERRY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Marine Corps Corporal Bryan Michael Lauw upon his death while in the service of his country.

WHEREAS, Bryan Michael Lauw was born in Lake Jackson, Texas, on June 8, 1994, and graduated from Live Oak High School in Watson, Louisiana, in May 2012, where he was very competitive in both academic and athletic affairs; and

WHEREAS, Bryan had always sought to be the fittest of his friends and always wanted to be the quickest runner on any field where he competed with others, so it was no surprise to family and friends when he decided after his graduation that he would enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Bryan was highly successful in his efforts to become a well-trained and dedicated member of the Marine Corps, being promoted to Corporal and becoming a vital part of Company C, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division where he served as an anti-tank missileman; and

WHEREAS, Bryan's hard work was recognized by his superiors and he was rewarded with promotions to Lance Corporal and Corporal after he had served aboard the U.S.S. America, an amphibious assault ship, operating in Central America and South America and later served a deployment to the Middle East in Jordan where he bravely served his country in an outstanding and exemplary fashion; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lauw received his orders for his next duty station at the sprawling coastal Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton in Southern California, where he continued his training as a missileman; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lauw trained with other Marines using an MTVR, or Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement, built to traverse any type terrain, including five feet of water and climb 30-degree slopes; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lauw was one of nineteen Marines engaged in training exercises aboard an MTVR at Camp Pendleton on Thursday, September 10, 2015, when the seven-ton vehicle overturned and rolled over, critically injuring six Marines, leaving eight others injured but in stable condition, and mortally injuring Corporal Lauw; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Lauw's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, a Meritorious Mast and four Letters of Appreciation, as well as the Marine Expert Marksmanship Badge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its most solemn and profound condolences to the family of U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Bryan Lauw on their immeasurable loss and recognize his brave service for his country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Corporal Bryan Lauw.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE