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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON, ECHOLS, GADBERRY, JEFFERSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, MCFARLAND, MOORE, RISER, AND TURNER AND SENATORS CATHEY, JACKSON, MORRIS, AND WOMACK

CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the legislature on the death of Louisiana congressman-elect Luke Letlow

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana on the death of Louisiana
3	congressman-elect Luke Letlow.
4	WHEREAS, Luke Joshua Letlow was born to Johnny and Dianne Letlow on
5	December 6, 1979, in Richland Parish, Louisiana; he grew up in Start, Louisiana, and
6	graduated from Ouachita Christian School in 1998; and
7	WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow's passion for politics surfaced at an early age when, during
8	his fifth-grade class's field trip to Washington, D.C., he was chosen to place a wreath on the
9	tomb of the unknown soldier; and
10	WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow was a member of the 2003 graduating class at Louisiana
11	Tech University; at Tech, he earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and
12	continued to pursue his passion for politics, serving as chairman of both the Louisiana Tech
13	College Republicans and the Louisiana Federation of College Republicans; and
14	WHEREAS, following his college graduation, Mr. Letlow's political pursuits
15	continued; he served on the staffs of Congressman John Cooksey and Congressman and
16	Governor Bobby Jindal; and
17	WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow married his soulmate, Dr. Julia Barnhill Letlow, on
18	April 27, 2013; that same year, the couple moved to Denver, where Luke worked in the oil
19	and gas industry before returning to Louisiana to continue his political work; and

1	WHEREAS, upon returning to Louisiana, Mr. Letlow ran Dr. Ralph Abraham's 2014
2	successful campaign for congress; he then served as Congressman Abraham's chief of staff
3	for the duration of his six-year tenure in office; in 2020, he successfully ran for the 5th
4	Congressional District seat and was to be sworn into the United States House of
5	Representatives on January 3, 2021; and
6	WHEREAS, Congressman-elect Letlow tragically passed away from complications
7	due to the COVID-19 virus on December 29, 2020; and
8	WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow's favorite phrases were "win the day" and "go, fight, win";
9	he is remembered across the state for his servant's heart and peaceful nature; his passion for
10	Louisiana and its history brought him great joy throughout his forty-one years, especially
11	during his congressional campaign; and
12	WHEREAS, Luke Joshua Letlow was a true Louisianian who cared deeply for his
13	family and his community; he is survived by his wife, Dr. Julia Barnhill Letlow; his son,
14	Jeremiah John Letlow; his daughter, Jacqueline Taylor Letlow; his parents, Johnny and
15	Dianne Letlow; his brothers, Paul and Matt Letlow and their spouses and children; his
16	grandmother, Mary Taylor; and a host of other family and friends; he will be deeply missed
17	but certainly never forgotten.
18	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19	express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of Louisiana congressman-elect Luke
20	Letlow; does hereby recognize his passion for the people of the state of Louisiana; does
21	hereby acknowledge his commitment to serving the ideals of democracy in this great
22	country; and does hereby extend genuine hopes and wishes that his family, friends, and
23	loved ones find comfort during this extremely difficult time.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25	family of Luke Letlow.

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DIGEST

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