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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Lane "Frenchie" Boudreaux for his extraordinary heroism and self-sacrifice during the Vietnam War and to honor his military service in the spirit of Memorial Day.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 1969, United States Army Sergeant First Class James H. Moore, who served as Heavy Weapons Infantry Advisor with Mobile Advisory Team I-12, was killed in action near the District Headquarters in Dien Ban District while engaged in combat against a well-fortified North Vietnamese Army force; and

WHEREAS, after learning that Sergeant Moore's body had been left behind, Marine Sergeant David Carpenter, Corporal Lane "Frenchie" Boudreaux, Corporal H.T. Berryhill, Corporal James T. Polich, and other members of Mobile Training Team II made the voluntary decision to re-enter the village while under heavy fire to recover their fallen comrade; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Boudreaux, who was described by his teammates as the strongest member of the unit, carried the body of the much larger Sergeant Moore in a fireman's carry while under continuous enemy fire and refused to leave him behind; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary act of bravery and devotion to the sacred principle that no comrade in arms is ever abandoned reflects the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the United States military and is emblematic of the Marine Corps ethos that "no one is left behind"; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Moore was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his gallantry that day, and the Marines involved, including Corporal Boudreaux, were recognized by their chain of command as having performed actions worthy of the highest decorations; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a solemn time to remember the fallen, honor those who served, and recommit ourselves to the values of courage, sacrifice, and brotherhood that define our nation's defenders; and

WHEREAS, Lane Boudreaux is a living hero of that day and continues to embody those values more than fifty-seven years later.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Lane "Frenchie" Boudreaux for his heroism and self-sacrifice on March 19, 1969, in recovering the body of Sergeant First Class James H. Moore under enemy fire, and does hereby express enduring appreciation for his dedicated service in defense of American liberties.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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