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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVES BROADWATER, HARRIS, AND HILL

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Chief Warrant Officer 4 George David Strother

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Chief Warrant
3	Officer 4 George David Strother, of Alexandria, Louisiana, on March 10, 2015.
4	WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the Legislature of
5	Louisiana has learned of the death of Chief Warrant Officer 4 George David Strother, who
6	was killed in dutiful service to his country when his UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed
7	during a nighttime exercise in Florida; and
8	WHEREAS, born on October 2, 1970, to the late George Douglas "Coach" and Sara
9	Nell Vercher Strother, George David Strother grew up with a love of the outdoors; he had
0	a passion for sports, riding four-wheelers, and found joy in songwriting and playing music
1	with his friends and family; and
12	WHEREAS, heeding the call of his country, George David Strother began a career
13	with the Louisiana Army National Guard in 1988 and served until 2007 and from 2009 until
4	his death; and
15	WHEREAS, George David Strother was first stationed in Pineville as a utility
16	helicopter repairer and quickly moved up the enlisted ranks; he was promoted to sergeant
17	in 1992; and
18	WHEREAS, while active in the Louisiana Army National Guard, he served as a team
9	leader for the Youth Challenge Program of Louisiana from 1993 until 1994; and
20	WHEREAS, on December 1, 1994, he was appointed to the rank of Warrant Officer
21	1, and upon completion of the Warrant Officer Basic course, he then concentrated his career

1	path towards helicopter aviation; he advanced to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 2 in
2	1997, Chief Warrant Officer 3 in 2007, and Chief Warrant Officer 4 on December 7, 2013;
3	and
4	WHEREAS, throughout his prominent military career, Chief Warrant Officer 4
5	Strother logged over two thousand four hundred flight hours, which included over seven
6	hundred combat hours; he was deployed in Iraq for a year and in support of Operation Joint
7	Guardian (KFOR) in Kosovo; and
8	WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Strother served in the Louisiana Army National
9	Guard with great courage and valor as evidenced by his receipt of numerous awards and
10	decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army
11	Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the National
12	Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with
13	Campaign Star, the Louisiana General Excellence Ribbon, and the Combat Badge and
14	Master Aviator Badge; and
15	WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Strother left an indelible mark on his family,
16	friends, community, and the state of Louisiana; and
17	WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Strother's passion for his country and
18	community will forever remain in the hearts and minds of his loving wife of twenty years,
19	Melissa Rachal Strother; his son, George David "DJ" Strother, II; his daughter, Chelsie
20	Rachal; his mother; his brother, Bob Strother; his sister, Elizabeth Denell Wolf; and many
21	other family members, nieces, and nephews; and
22	WHEREAS, the sacrifices made by the great men and women who protect and
23	defend the United States and its citizens must always be acknowledged by those who are left
24	behind to honor their memory; and
25	WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana records for
26	posterity the extraordinary dedication and commitment to his country that Chief Warrant
27	Officer 4 Strother displayed throughout his life and in the performance of his military
28	service.
29	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30	express its condolences and most heartfelt sorrow to the family of Chief Warrant Officer 4

- 1 George David Strother and does hereby acknowledge and record for posterity the unique and
- 2 special contributions of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Strother to the city of Alexandria, to the
- 3 state of Louisiana, and to the United States of America.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 5 to the family of Chief Warrant Officer 4 George David Strother.

DIGEST

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