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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of Staff Sergeant Lance Bergeron

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Staff Sergeant
3	Lance Jacob Bergeron, of Hammond, 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 Staff Sergeant Lance Jacob Bergeron, who was killed
6	in dutiful service to his country when his UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed during a
7	nighttime exercise in Florida; and
8	WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bergeron was a devoted husband and loving father, and
9	he truly cherished his family; he found joy in Black Hawk helicopters, LSU football and
10	baseball, and in watching New York Yankee's baseball games; and
11	WHEREAS, heeding the call of his country, Lance Jacob Bergeron enlisted in the
12	United States Marine Corps on December 30, 1993, and served on active duty for four years;
13	on August 24, 2001, he enlisted in the Louisiana Army National Guard and was assigned to
14	the 812th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) in New Orleans with the military occupational
15	speciality 15T, UH-60 Helicopter Repairer; his most recent assignment was with Company
16	A, 1st Assault Helicopter Battalion, 244th Aviation Regiment in Hammond; on February 24,
17	2002, Staff Sergeant Bergeron became a full-time Flight Engineer (Instructor) at the Army
18	Aviation Support Facility in Hammond; and
19	WHEREAS, throughout his prominent military career, Staff Sergeant Bergeron was
20	deployed in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a UH-60 Helicopter Repairer; and

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1	WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bergeron served in the Louisiana Army National Guard
2	with great courage and valor as evidenced by his receipt of numerous awards and
3	decorations, some of which include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army
4	Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal
5	with Bronze Star, the Senior Aviation Badge, the Combat Action Badge, the Louisiana War
6	Cross, the Louisiana Emergency Service Medal, the Louisiana General Excellence Ribbon,
7	and the Louisiana Longevity Ribbon; and
8	WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bergeron was a brother, son, and friend to many and a
9	hero to all; and
10	WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bergeron's passion for his country and community will
11	forever remain in the hearts and minds of his loving wife, Monique Gauthreaux Bergeron;
12	his daughter, Callie; his son, Landon; his parents, Mark and Stella Bergeron; his sister,
13	Melanie Happel; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mike and Wanda Gauthreaux; his
14	nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and military family; and
15	WHEREAS, the sacrifices made by the great men and women who protect and
16	defend the United States and its citizens must always be acknowledged by those who are left
17	behind to honor their memory; and
18	WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana records for
19	posterity the extraordinary dedication and commitment to his country that Staff Sergeant
20	Bergeron displayed throughout his life and in the performance of his military service.
21	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22	express its condolences and most heartfelt sorrow to the family of Staff Sergeant Lance
23	Jacob Bergeron and does hereby acknowledge and record for posterity the unique and special
24	contributions of Staff Sergeant Bergeron to the city of Hammond, to the state of Louisiana,
25	and to the United States of America.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
27	to the family of Staff Sergeant Lance Jacob Bergeron.

## **DIGEST**

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