

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY SENATOR PERRY

CONDOLENCES. Express the condolences of the Louisiana Senate upon the death of U.S. Air Force Sergeant Johnny James Kelly.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of U.S. Air Force Sergeant Johnny James Kelly upon his death.

WHEREAS, Johnny James Kelly was a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, but later moved with his family as a six-year-old child to St. Charles Parish, where he spent the majority of his boyhood, graduating from Hahnville High School in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Johnny developed a love at a young age for sports and was very active athletically, playing basketball, football, and baseball, and excelling at anything that was physically challenging; and

WHEREAS, Johnny, after high school, attended ITT Technical College then decided that he was much more interested in serving his country with military service and in 2005 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Johnny found the life of an airman to be challenging, yet rewarding, and he worked and trained hard, and his superiors recognized his efforts by promoting him to Sergeant and assigning him greater responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Kelly would spend ten years in the U.S. Air Force, serving assignments in Germany and Italy with great success and learning much about the world and its people; and

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Kelly would be deployed to the Middle East where he would
2 serve two tours in Iraq and one in Saudi Arabia with courage and commitment while he
3 began to renew his efforts to get a college degree; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Kelly would marry Natasha Saxon on March 20, 2006, and
5 from that union would father two beautiful children, Johnny James Kelly Jr., and Nijalay
6 Amari-Lynn Kelly, who were the lights of his life; and

7 WHEREAS, Sergeant Kelly was serving on his final tour in Las Vegas, Nevada, with
8 plans to get his discharge from military service and to renew his college career and achieve
9 a college degree; and

10 WHEREAS, in his final days of service to his country, Sergeant Kelly thought often
11 about his children and planned not only his own life goals but he thought more and more of
12 a life that would allow him to be home and closer to his children; and

13 WHEREAS, sadly, Sergeant Kelly would pass away March 20, 2015, for causes
14 known only to himself and God, leaving his children and family only his memories to
15 cherish and remember.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
17 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of U.S. Air
18 Force Sergeant Johnny James Kelly for their immeasurable loss and his sacrifice and deep
19 commitment and love of his country.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 family of Johnny James Kelly.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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