

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 129

BY SENATORS PERRY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of U.S. Army Sergeant Brock Rollins upon his death while serving his country as a member of its armed forces.

WHEREAS, Brock Rollins was a native of Morgan City, born on July 2, 1990, as the son of John and Jackie Dykes, and attending Berwick schools until 2008, when he graduated cum laude from Berwick High School; and

WHEREAS, he was an outstanding athlete in high school track and field events, and he also loved playing percussion in the school band, as well as being a member of the Berwick Dixie Youth Baseball League; and

WHEREAS, Brock was a patriot in every sense of the word and after high school he began to consider joining his country's military, and on September 1, 2010, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, convinced he could serve his country best in its Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Brock chose the U.S. Army Infantry as his primary job specialty and graduated basic combat training and Airborne School at the legendary Infantry School at Fort Benning where parachutists have trained and earned their Silver Parachutist Badge since the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Rollins was then stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the the historical and elite 82nd Airborne Division, 2nd 508 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Battalion, HHC Mortar Platoon; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Rollins soon was assigned to the 1-325 Airborne Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion, HHC Mortar Platoon, with orders for overseas duty and would serve two combat tours in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Rollins would be decorated for his brave service during those two combat tours with awards of the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Rollins served two dangerous combat tours overseas and returned home safely to his family and his fiancée, Aimee Bergeron, but on March 10, 2018, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, while still a part of the "All American" 82nd Airborne Infantry Division, he died suddenly and unexpectedly; and

WHEREAS, the shock and grief of Sgt. Rollins' family and friends was so great that disbelief was the only feeling that most could summon upon learning of his tragic, unexpected, and untimely death; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Rollins was given a burial with full military honors, rendered by the U.S. Army Honor Guard, and so many family, friends, and fellow soldiers came to pay their final respects that the ceremony had to be held in the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family and the fiancée of U.S. Army Sergeant Brock Rollins for their immeasurable loss and wish to recognize him for his service and for the great sacrifices he made on behalf of his country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his parents John and Jackie Dykes and his fiancée Aimee Bergeron.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE