

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR GATTI

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Major Ron Chatelain, US Army, Retired on his service.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Major Ron Chatelain, on his service to his country in the United States Army.

WHEREAS, Major Chatelain has been hailed as one of the nation's highest decorated veterans of the Vietnam War, where he served two tours in Vietnam and acknowledged as the most decorated living veteran in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, medals awards to Major Chatelain include the Army's second highest award of Valor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with "V" device and Oak Leaf Cluster, five Purple Heart medals (two awarded, three pending), and the Army Achievement medal also with "V" device; and

WHEREAS, many of the medals he received are awarded to troops posthumously; and

WHEREAS, Major Chatelain distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 14 June 1969 while serving as a forward observer in support of an ambush patrol engaged with an enemy force on the Bau Dieu Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, after he had directed fire on the hostile positions from his helicopter and succeeded in silencing the enemy, his craft landed to take aboard casualties; and

WHEREAS, just as the aircraft set down, it was struck by rocket-propelled grenade fire; and

