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2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR GATTI

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

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Major Ron Chatelain, on his service to his country in the United States Army.
3	WHEREAS, Major Chatelain has been hailed as one of the nation's highest decorated
4	veterans of the Vietnam War, where he served two tours in Vietnam and acknowledged as
5	the most decorated living veteran in the state of Louisiana; and
6	WHEREAS, medals awards to Major Chatelain include the Army's second highest
7	award of Valor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star Medal with Oak Leaf
8	Cluster, the Bronze Star with "V" device and Oak Leaf Cluster, five Purple Heart medals
9	(two awarded, three pending), and the Army Achievement medal also with "V" device; and
10	WHEREAS, many of the medals he received are awarded to troops posthumously;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, Major Chatelain distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous
13	actions on 14 June 1969 while serving as a forward observer in support of an ambush patrol
14	engaged with an enemy force on the Bau Dieu Peninsula; and
15	WHEREAS, after he had directed fire on the hostile positions from his helicopter and
16	succeeded in silencing the enemy, his craft landed to take aboard casualties; and
17	WHEREAS, just as the aircraft set down, it was struck by rocket-propelled grenade
18	fire; and

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1	WHEREAS, despite his own wounds, Major Chatelain immediately began helping
2	the more seriously wounded crew members to safety; and
3	WHEREAS, organizing the remnant of the patrol into a defensive perimeter, he
4	called in and adjusted gunship fire on hostile positions; and
5	WHEREAS, Major Chatelain then supervised the medical evacuation of his wounded
6	comrades and directed his men to unleash a barrage of rifle fire on the enemy until a relief
7	unit arrived; and
8	WHEREAS, he bravely faced and escaped peril many other times in Vietnam; and
9	WHEREAS, Major Chatelain was shot down in aircraft three times, survived sniper
10	fire on multiple occasions, and stepped on a landmine that did not explode; and
11	WHEREAS, Mr. Chatelain's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in
12	keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon
13	himself, his unit, and the Untied States Army.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	commend Major Ron Chatelain on his service to his country in the United States Army.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
17	Major Ron Chatelain.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

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