

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON, ECHOLS, GADBERRY, JEFFERSON, TRAVIS  
JOHNSON, MCFARLAND, MOORE, RISER, AND TURNER AND SENATORS  
CATHEY, JACKSON, MORRIS, AND WOMACK

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences on the death of Louisiana congressman-elect  
Luke Letlow

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Louisiana  
3 congressman-elect Luke Letlow.

4 WHEREAS, Luke Joshua Letlow was born to Johnny and Dianne Letlow on  
5 December 6, 1979, in Richland Parish, Louisiana; he grew up in Start, Louisiana, and  
6 graduated from Ouachita Christian School in 1998; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow's passion for politics surfaced at an early age when, during  
8 his fifth-grade class's field trip to Washington, D.C., he was chosen to place a wreath on the  
9 tomb of the unknown soldier; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow was a member of the 2003 graduating class at Louisiana  
11 Tech University; at Tech, he earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and  
12 continued to pursue his passion for politics, serving as chairman of both the Louisiana Tech  
13 College Republicans and the Louisiana Federation of College Republicans; and

14 WHEREAS, following his college graduation, Mr. Letlow's political pursuits  
15 continued; he served on the staffs of Congressman John Cooksey and Congressman and  
16 Governor Bobby Jindal; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow married his high school sweetheart, Dr. Julia Barnhill  
2 Letlow, on April 27, 2013; that same year, the couple moved to Denver, where Luke worked  
3 in the oil and gas industry before returning to Louisiana to continue his political work; and

4           WHEREAS, upon returning to Louisiana, Mr. Letlow ran Dr. Ralph Abraham's 2014  
5 successful campaign for congress; he then served as Congressman Abraham's chief of staff  
6 for the duration of his six-year tenure in office; in 2020, he successfully ran for the 5th  
7 Congressional District seat and was to be sworn into the United States House of  
8 Representatives on January 3, 2021; and

9           WHEREAS, Congressman-elect Letlow tragically passed away from complications  
10 due to the COVID-19 virus on December 29, 2020; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Letlow's favorite phrases were "win the day" and "go, fight, win";  
12 he is remembered across the state for his servant's heart and peaceful nature; his passion for  
13 Louisiana and its history brought him great joy throughout his forty-one years, especially  
14 during his congressional campaign; and

15           WHEREAS, Luke Joshua Letlow was a true Louisianian who cared deeply for his  
16 family and his community; he is survived by his wife, Dr. Julia Barnhill Letlow; his son,  
17 Jeremiah John Letlow; his daughter, Jacqueline Taylor Letlow; his parents, Johnny and  
18 Dianne Letlow; his brothers, Paul and Matt Letlow and their spouses and children; his  
19 grandmother, Mary Taylor; and a host of other family and friends; he will be deeply missed  
20 but certainly never forgotten.

21           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 express sincere and heartfelt condolences on the death of Louisiana congressman-elect Luke  
23 Letlow; does hereby recognize his passion for the people of the state of Louisiana; does  
24 hereby acknowledge his commitment to serving the ideals of democracy in this great  
25 country; and does hereby extend genuine hopes and wishes that his family, friends, and  
26 loved ones find comfort during this extremely difficult time.

27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
28 family of Luke Letlow.

DIGEST

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Thompson

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