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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVES HONORE AND HAVARD

COMMENDATIONS: Commends former Marine Corporal Jared Heine and K-9 partner Spike upon their civilian reunion after military service

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend former Marine Corporal Jared Heine of St. Francisville and his military dog,
3	Spike.
4	WHEREAS, Jared Heine joined the Marines in 2008; his first assignment was to the
5	artillery, where he volunteered to train as an explosives finder; and
6	WHEREAS, Corporal Heine was paired with Spike, and the two trained for eight
7	months; Spike learned to follow vocal and hand commands from Corporal Heine, how to
8	sniff out explosives, and how to signal the presence of the deadly ordnance; and
9	WHEREAS, the team of Corporal Heine and Spike arrived in Afghanistan in early
10	2011 and were assigned to Echo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines, where the team
11	located approximately ten explosives and, in the process, saved lives; and
12	WHEREAS, an explosion of one of the found bombs caused a brain injury that sent
13	Corporal Heine stateside; Spike was paired with a new handler and returned to combat while
14	Corporate Heine recuperated from his injury and was discharged from the military; and
15	WHEREAS, at the end of Spike's military service, he was sent to a North Carolina
16	facility that provides dogs to police forces; and
17	WHEREAS, the bond formed between Corporal Heine and Spike was so strong that
18	Mr. Heine yearned to reunite with his canine friend, but because of several reassignments
19	for Spike to the civilian police service, the search required assistance from the organization
20	Boots and Collars, which helps reunite military K-9 handlers and their former dogs, and the
21	Military Working Dogs Facebook page; and

1 WHEREAS, after months of searching, on February 11, 2015, Mr. Heine and his 2 mother Mary Heine arrived on the steps of the Virginia Capitol where Mr. Heine finally was 3 reunited with his best animal friend, as police and Marines in attendance held back tears of 4 happiness. 5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 6 commend and extend best wishes to former Marine Corporal Jared Heine and Spike, who 7 were finally reunited; and does hereby express heartfelt thanks to both for their military

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jared Heine.

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service to the country.

Honore

Commends Jared Heine and his military dog Spike for their military service and reunion in civilian life.