

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVES LIGI, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BROSSETT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONORE, HOWARD, HUTTER, HUVAL, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MCVEA, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORENO, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, TALBOT, TEMPLET, THIBAUT, THIERRY, TUCKER, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATOR MARTINY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Specialist Christian J. Romig, United States Army, of Kenner, who was killed in action in Afghanistan.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Specialist Christian J. Romig, who was killed on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at the age of twenty-four, while serving his country in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Romig died of wounds suffered at Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Romig was assigned to 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in Afghanistan, Specialist Romig was a cavalry scout and worked as a gunner on ground vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Romig was scheduled to fulfill his army commitment in June of 2011 but opted to stay with his platoon overseas until completion of their deployment; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Romig graduated in 2005 from Grace King High School, where he was on the wrestling team, and he enlisted in the army in May of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Romig's awards and decorations include an Army Achievement Medal and a Combat Action Badge; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Romig is survived by his parents, Rebecca Perez Romig and Leaman M. Romig, Sr.; his sister, Gabrielle; his brothers, Eric, Phillip, and Lee, Jr.; his grandfathers, Joseph Perez, Jr., and Donald Romig; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; he was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Earlea Hoffstadt Perez and Elizabeth Hood Romig; and

WHEREAS, the death of Specialist Romig leaves an unspeakable emptiness in the hearts of his family members and friends, who may find comfort in the knowledge that he lived his life heroically and according to deeply held principles and that his legacy will continue to be an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Romig also will be mourned and sorely missed by those who had the honor of serving with him and who will always remember him as a selfless soldier and a cherished friend; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Specialist Romig upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army and brought honor to himself, his family, his friends, his state, and this nation; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Romig performed his duties in an outstanding fashion, and it is only fitting to pay tribute to him for his extraordinary service and ultimate sacrifice for his country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its most sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Specialist Christian J. Romig, United States Army, of Kenner; does hereby recognize the pride that he will forever bring to his family, friends, fellow soldiers, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America; and does hereby acknowledge with profound gratitude the heroic deeds of this brave gentleman who gave his life for the cause of freedom and liberty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Specialist Christian J. Romig.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE