

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 165

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Marine Lance Corporal Cole Estelle upon his death while serving his country as a member of its armed forces.

WHEREAS, he was the son of Sharon Pace Chustz and Royce Estelle and a resident of Zachary, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Cole was a 2015 graduate of Zachary High School, where he participated in the United States Army Junior Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) and the marching band; and

WHEREAS, JROTC is one of the largest character development and citizenship programs for youth in the world; and

WHEREAS, Cole identified at an early age the goal of serving his country and took remarkable steps to prepare himself for this journey; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Cole always knew exactly what to say to keep you smiling; and

WHEREAS, there was never a day that you couldn't find him putting silver linings to the darkest situations, with his hands outstretched to anyone who needed his help; and

WHEREAS, he was an outdoorsman at heart; he spent most of his time hiking, fishing, hunting, and engaging in anything that would get him dirty; and

WHEREAS, he was always using his faith to get him through the toughest of times, and his passion for living life to the fullest so that he could give his life for ours was truly a reflection of Christ's love for us all; and

WHEREAS, the Marines have fourteen leadership traits which are Justice, Judgment, Dependability, Initiative, Decisiveness, Tact, Integrity, Endurance, Bearing, Unselfishness, Courage, Knowledge, Loyalty and Enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, during his service, he exemplified the fourteen Marine leadership traits and thrived under the spartan conditions of the Marine Corps, learning the skills he would need to be an outstanding Marine and a leader that his fellow Marines would follow and admire; and

WHEREAS, LCpl. Cole was stationed at Bangor Naval Base; and

WHEREAS, he died on Saturday, June 9, 2018, as a result of a motor vehicle accident in Gig Harbor, Washington; and

WHEREAS, LCpl. Cole was interred with full military honors at Louisiana National Cemetery in Zachary, Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of United States Marine Lance Corporal Cole Estelle for their immeasurable loss and wish to recognize him for his service and for the great sacrifices he made on behalf of his country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to family of Lance Corporal Cole Estelle.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE