

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY SENATOR BASS

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the passing of Zachary Funderburk, son, brother, friend, wildlife agent, and Christian.

WHEREAS, Zachary "Zac" Funderburk, a native of Louisiana, unexpectedly passed away on March 22, 2024, at the young age of twenty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Zac attended Parkway High School in Shreveport, where he distinguished himself as a standout wrestler and cross-country runner; and

WHEREAS, his exceptional work ethic and skill produced back-to-back state wrestling championships and his being named the 2015 Shreveport Times Wrestler of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Zac earned an athletic scholarship to Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, Iowa, and after graduating high school in 2015, he competed at the college level for four years as a Briar Cliff Charger; and

WHEREAS, Zac built an impressive resume as a collegiate wrestler. He was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics National Championship qualifier, was named First Team All-GPAC, broke a school record for technical falls, and finished his distinguished career a single win short of All-American honors; and

WHEREAS, Zac had a life-long love for the outdoors and hunting and fishing, passions he delighted in sharing with those close to him; and

WHEREAS, following college graduation, Zac was accepted into the United States Marine Corps Officer Candidates School; and

WHEREAS, a back injury lead to his early medical discharge from the Marine Corps, but God had another opportunity in store for Zac; and

WHEREAS, Zac entered the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Law Enforcement Academy and graduated as a member of its 35th class of cadets on March 29, 2023, becoming a commissioned wildlife agent assigned to the northern parishes; and

WHEREAS, as a wildlife agent, Zac was a natural, often observing to friends and family, "I can't believe I get to do this for a living!"; and

WHEREAS, Agent Funderburk was known as an exemplary public servant who protected the citizens of Louisiana and made a significant impact on both his fellow agents and those he served; and

WHEREAS, those who know and love Zac will cherish their many memories of his faith, selflessness, and infectious zest for life, and they will take solace in the wisdom of Romans 8:18, which Zac proudly wore tattooed on his chest: "The pain that you've been feeling cannot compare to the joy that's coming."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby honors the memory of Zachary Funderburk and extends its deepest condolences to his family and loved ones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Zachary Funderburk as a token of the Senate's sincere sympathy and gratitude for his service to the people of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE