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H. RES. 673

Honoring the four members of the United States Marine Corps who died on December 11, 2000, and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives on their deaths.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2000

Mr. REYNOLDS (for himself, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. GILCREST, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. SNYDER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Honoring the four members of the United States Marine Corps who died on December 11, 2000, and extending the condolences of the House of Representatives on their deaths.

Whereas on December 11, 2000, an MV-22 Osprey aircraft crashed during a training mission near Jacksonville, North Carolina, killing all four members of the United States Marine Corps onboard;

Whereas the Marines who lost their lives in the crash made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of the United States and the Marine Corps;

Whereas the families of these proud Marines have the most sincere condolences of the Nation;

Whereas the members of the Marine Corps take special pride in their esprit de corps, and this terrible loss will resonate through Marine Helicopter Squadron 1 based at Quantico, Virginia, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron 204 based at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina, and the entire Marine Corps family;

Whereas the Nation joins the Commandant of the entire Marine Corps and the Marine Corps in mourning their loss; and

Whereas the Marines killed in the accident were—

(1) Lieutenant Colonel Keith M. Sweaney, 42, of Richmond, Virginia, assigned to Marine Helicopter Squadron 1, based at Quantico, Virginia;

(2) Major Michael L. Murphy of Blauvelt, 38, New York, assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron 204, based at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina;

(3) Staff Sergeant Avely Runnels, 25, of Morven, Georgia, assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron 204, based at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina; and

(4) Sergeant Jason Buyck, 24, of Sodus, New York, assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron 204, based at Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina: Now therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) has learned with profound sorrow of the
2 deaths of four members of the United States Marine
3 Corps in the crash of an MV-22 Osprey aircraft on
4 December 11, 2000, during a training mission near
5 Jacksonville, North Carolina, and extends condo-
6 lences to the families of those four members of the
7 Marine Corps;

8 (2) recognizes that those four members of the
9 Marine Corps embodied the credo of the Marine
10 Corps, “Semper Fidelis”;

11 (3) expresses its profound gratitude to those
12 four members of the Marine Corps for the dedicated
13 and honorable service they rendered to the United
14 States and the Marine Corps; and

15 (4) recognizes with appreciation and respect the
16 loyalty and sacrifice their families have dem-
17 onstrated in support of the Marine Corps.

18 SEC. 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives
19 shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the
20 Commandant of the Marine Corps and to the families of
21 each member of the Marine Corps killed in the accident
22 referred to in the first section of this resolution.

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