

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 609

Honoring the memories and heroic actions of those killed, injured, and affected by the fatal bus crash in Laplace, Louisiana, on August 28, 2016.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the memories and heroic actions of those killed, injured, and affected by the fatal bus crash in Laplace, Louisiana, on August 28, 2016.

Whereas, on August 28, 2016, St. John the Baptist Parish firefighters and Louisiana State troopers were responding to the scene of an accident along I-10 Westbound in Laplace, Louisiana, when an undocumented immigrant driving a passenger bus lost control of the bus and crashed into a nearby vehicle;

Whereas 3 firefighters were thrown over the highway guardrail from the impact of the vehicle, falling more than 30 feet into alligator-infested water;

Whereas fellow firefighters, State troopers, and at least 1 civilian quickly responded to rescue the 3 overthrown firefighters;

Whereas Chief Spencer Chauvin, a 36-year-old who served the St. John the Baptist Parish Fire Department for 12 years and was a beloved husband and father of 2, died in the crash;

Whereas 21-year-old Jermaine Starr and 33-year-old Vontarous Kelly, both of Moss Point, Mississippi, and who were passengers in the vehicle impacted by the bus, were also killed in the crash;

Whereas 2 other firefighters sustained injuries and were taken to the hospital; and

Whereas more than 30 additional individuals were injured:  
Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) mourns the tragic loss of Chief Spencer  
3       Chauvin, Jermaine Starr, and Vontarous Kelly;

4               (2) recognizes the bravery, heroism, and dedica-  
5       tion of the firefighters, State troopers, and civilians  
6       who quickly responded to attempt to save the lives  
7       of the injured;

8               (3) offers sincere condolences to the families,  
9       friends, and loved ones of Chief Spencer Chauvin,  
10       Jermaine Starr, and Vontarous Kelly; and

11              (4) expresses hope that each individual who was  
12       injured in the accident makes a full and quick recov-  
13       ery.

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