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## **JOINT RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF MAINE GAME WARDEN DARYL R. GORDON, WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

**WHEREAS**, Maine Game Warden Daryl R. Gordon, of Eagle Lake, was tragically killed in a plane crash in a remote area near Clear Lake in Piscataquis County sometime during the night of March 24, 2011, while serving in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon is the 15th member of the Maine Warden Service who died in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon served with distinction with the Maine Warden Service for 25 years, spending 18 years as a district warden, and his final 7 years as a warden pilot flying out of the George E. Townsend Seaplane Base in Eagle Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon was born in Hartland, graduated from Hartland Academy and served with honor in the United States Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam and receiving the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon also earned numerous commendations while in the United States Marine Corps, including the Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon joined the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as a game warden in 1986 at the age of 35, working out of the Calais, Lincoln, Skowhegan and Bingham districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Daryl R. Gordon saved many lives and people have had loved ones returned to them through his aerial searches and rescue efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the sudden and shocking death of Game Warden Daryl R. Gordon has saddened not only those whose lives he touched, but the entire State of Maine; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, take this opportunity to honor the memory and service of Game Warden Daryl R. Gordon and to recognize his steadfast and dedicated commitment to the State of Maine and the Nation, exemplifying the core values of the Maine Warden Service: Honor, Loyalty, Compassion and Trust; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be delivered to the family of Game Warden Daryl R. Gordon and to the Maine Warden Service.