



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

90th Session, 2022-2023

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE CF56

Resolution Number: 105

Authored By: Senator Kermanshahi

Sponsored By: 2022-2023 Student Government Assembly

Whereas, Care Flight, a service of REMSA Health, headquartered in Reno, Nevada, and Guardian Flight, headquartered in Utah, can confirm that a PC 12 fixed-wing aircraft, tail number N273SM, went off radar Friday, February 24, 2023, at approximately 9:45 p.m., near Stagecoach, Nevada.

Whereas, REMSA is an acronym for the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority founded in 1986, and its subsidiary Care Flight founded in 1981, provides residents and visitors with 9-1-1 response and transport, interfacility transport, disaster preparedness, special events coverage, search and rescue, tactical medical support, public education, critical care, and air medical transport services throughout northwest Nevada and northeastern California region with base locations in Reno, Gardnerville and Fallon, Nevada and Truckee and Beckwourth, California;

Whereas, for 39 years, Care Flight has provided 24/7 air ambulance service throughout the region utilizing highly trained and specialized professionals comprised of Certified Flight Nurses (CFRN), Certified Flight Paramedic (FP-C), Critical Care Paramedics (CCEMT-P), and Critical Care Nurses (CCRN);

Whereas, the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office has positively identified the five deceased individuals involved in an aircraft crash to include Edward Pricola (Flight Nurse), Ryan Watson (Flight Paramedic), Mark Rand (Patient), Terri Rand (Patient's Family), and Scott Walton (Medevac Pilot);

Whereas, Edward Pricola, 32, was a Marine Corps veteran, and 2019 graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno's Orvis School of Nursing pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice with years of experience as

an emergency room nurse at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center and employee of Renown Regional Medical Center prior to beginning his career as a Flight Nurse for Care Flight;

Whereas, Edward Pricola lived a life of selfless service to others and leaves behind his wife, Lauren, and was an incredible father to his four-year-old daughter Riley, and two-year-old son Everett, and is noted for his thoughtfulness, servant leadership, and deep friendship to those around him;

Whereas, Ryan Watson, 27, was a graduate of Truckee Meadows Community College's Paramedic Program and served as an Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, and Paramedic for REMSA Health for over 5 years and worked diligently to provide Advanced Life Support and emergency medical services in and around Washoe County prior to beginning his career as a Flight Paramedic for Care Flight;

Whereas, Ryan Watson was a caring and competent medical provider that brought a positive attitude to every call and patient interaction with an infectious smile, and an ambitious free spirit as he leaves behind his wife Kailey and newly born son Carter, and was noted to have an immense love for adventure and the advancement of prehospital medical care;

Whereas, Mark, 69, and Terri Rand, 66, were aboard CF56 headed to Utah for life-saving treatment, and were noted as big-hearted, family-oriented, proud parents and grandparents;

Whereas, Scott Walton, 46, an exceptional pilot with countless hours teaching students how to fly prior to working for Guardian Flight, who was noted to light up a room, and bring smiles to everyone's face, leaves behind a wife and three daughters;

Whereas, Associated Students of the University of Nevada stands to recognize and give their condolences to the family, coworkers, and community grieving from the immense loss of this tragedy;

Be it resolved that, the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada honor the lives of Edward Pricola, Mark Rand, Terri Rand, Ryan Watson, and Scott Walton through any and all means necessary;

Be it further resolved that, the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada continuously supports our first responders to include but not be limited to local, state, and federal emergency medical services

and air medical transportation crews that serve tirelessly to provide treatment and care for our Wolf Pack community;

Be it further resolved that; a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- President Brian Sandoval, University of Nevada-Reno
- President Dionne Stanfill, Associated Students
- President/CEO Barry Duplantis, REMSA Health
- President/COO Jared Sherman, Guardian Flight LLC
- Chief Flight Nurse Markus Dorsey-Hirt, Care Flight
- Director Vanessa Coyle, Care Flight Operations
- Dean Cameron Duncan of the Orvis School of Nursing
- President Klarissa Beaton, President of Orvis Student Nursing Association
- Director of Public Safety at Department at TMCC

Adopted in Senate on March 8th, 2023

Attest:

Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

Andrew Thompson, Speaker of the Senate