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Statement on the Death of Airman Jason J. Doyle

by U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel

I rise to express my sympathy over the loss of United States Navy Airman Jason Doyle of Nebraska. Airman Doyle died after falling overboard from the USS Kittyhawk off the eastern coast of Japan on July 8. He was 19 years old.

Airman Doyle grew up near Sunset, Utah. In 2000, he moved to Bellevue, Nebraska and was a 2005 graduate of Papillion-La Vista South High School. He joined the Navy immediately following graduation.

Airman Doyle had a lifelong interest in flying and in Japanese culture. He turned those interests into an opportunity with the Navy. He was deployed

with the Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 136 aboard the USS Kitty Hawk in October, 2005. His first leave was at a Japanese port, where he was able to experience a culture he had been fascinated with his entire life. Thousands of brave Americans like Airman Doyle are serving the United States worldwide.

Airman Doyle is survived by his father, Dale Doyle; his mother, Martha Bower; his stepmother, Susie Doyle; his brother Brandon; and sisters Shaina, Whitney, and Ashley.

I ask my colleagues to join me and all Americans in honoring Airman Jason Doyle.