

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Specialist Warren A. Murphy.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of  
3 Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Specialist Warren A.  
4 Murphy upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

5 WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate  
6 has learned of the tragic death in combat of Specialist Warren A. Murphy; and

7 WHEREAS, Specialist Murphy's hometown was Marrero where his family settled  
8 after traveling the country as the son of a career Navy man, subsequently graduating from  
9 high school there; and

10 WHEREAS, Specialist Murphy began his military service in 1994 when he began  
11 a four-year enlistment of active duty that took him on a United Nation's peacekeeping  
12 mission to Macedonia, after which he joined the Louisiana National Guard as an  
13 infantryman; and

14 WHEREAS, Specialist Murphy was a member of Charlie Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion,  
15 156<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Infantry Regiment, 256<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team when his unit  
16 was deployed to the Iraqi Theater of Operations in the fall of 2004; and

17 WHEREAS, while Specialist Murphy loved his family and friends and missed them  
18 dearly during his Iraqi tour of duty, he loved his country, felt he was protecting his homeland

1 and was honored to be fighting the enemies of America; and

2 WHEREAS, Specialist Murphy and his brothers in arms were subsequently given the  
3 task of supporting the operations of the 86<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment north of Baghdad near the  
4 small Iraqi town of Taji; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Murphy was 29 years old when he and his squad were sent  
6 on patrol January 6, 2005, on a routine mission of searching out terrorist forces suspected  
7 of being in the area; and

8 WHEREAS, Specialist Murphy and six other National Guard soldiers riding in a  
9 Bradley fighting vehicle were mortally wounded when their patrol was ambushed in a  
10 roadside attack, marking the deadliest day for a single National Guard unit so far in the Iraqi  
11 War; and

12 WHEREAS, six of the seven soldiers killed in the attack were from Louisiana,  
13 tragically making the toll the largest single loss of life among Louisiana troops since the  
14 Korean War; and

15 WHEREAS, the loss of Specialist Murphy and his comrades was almost more than  
16 his family and friends could endure, their ultimate sacrifice for their country made citizens  
17 around Louisiana rally in support of the National Guard's gallant efforts in the war on terror  
18 and the liberation of Iraq; and

19 WHEREAS, Specialist Murphy will forever be remembered by his family, friends,  
20 and fellow soldiers as a dedicated soldier, and his sacrifice serves as a reminder that freedom  
21 is never free and Americans may have to fight to protect the freedoms and liberties its  
22 citizens now enjoy.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
24 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a  
25 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army National Guard Specialist  
26 Warren A. Murphy for fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
28 family of Specialist Warren A. Murphy.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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DIGEST

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