

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Lance Corporal Justin D. McLeese.

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 Marine Corps Lance Corporal Justin D.
4 McLeese 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 and untimely death of Lance Corporal McLeese in ground combat
7 operations; and

8 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal McLeese was a native of Covington and graduated from
9 Covington High School where his outstanding athletic abilities led to his being named an all-
10 district defensive end on the school's football team; and

11 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal McLeese began his military service in October, 2003,
12 enlisting in the United States Marine Corps because of lasting effects of the terrorist attacks
13 on September 11, 2001, and his desire to fight in the war his country declared on those and
14 other terrorists around the world; and

15 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal McLeese dedicated himself to becoming the best
16 Marine possible, training and honing himself into a hardened warrior, determined and ready
17 to go to Iraq with his brothers in arms from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Marine
18 Division; and

1 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal McLeese was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California,
2 when he was deployed, along with his fellow Marines, to the Iraqi hotspot of Fallujah, a
3 terrorist stronghold that some called the "Triangle of Death," to participate in one of the
4 major battles of the war; and

5 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. McLeese, while only nineteen years of age, conducted
6 himself with bravery and uncommon valor as he and his unit participated in their extremely
7 dangerous mission of finding, fixing, and destroying an entrenched and heavily-armed
8 enemy in an operation that required house-clearing on a room-to-room basis; and

9 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. McLeese excelled and performed in an outstanding manner
10 during these deadly exchanges that often evolved into hand-to-hand combat and running gun
11 battles with the enemy before falling mortally wounded in November, 2004, to a hidden,
12 explosive device in a heavily fortified building in Fallujah; and

13 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. McLeese will always be remembered by his family, friends
14 and fellow Marines for placing the needs of his country before his own and representing the
15 highest traditions of the Marine Corps and serving as a shining example of all that is good
16 and right with America; and

17 WHEREAS, Lance Cpl. McLeese will be sorely missed by his parents, Daniel and
18 Sharon McLeese, his three sisters, and a community that all watched him grow into manhood
19 and become a symbol of all that is good and right with America.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heart felt condolences from a
22 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Justin
23 D. McLeese.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 family of Lance Corporal Justin D. McLeese.

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

DIGEST

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