

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Private First Class Torey J. Dantzler.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of United States Army Private First Class Torey J. Dantzler in Operation Iraqi
4 Freedom.

5 WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and the most profound sorrow that the
6 membership of the Senate has learned of the tragic death in combat operations of PFC
7 Dantzler; and

8 WHEREAS, PFC Dantzler was a native of Columbia where he excelled in high
9 school athletics, was admired and respected by his former coaches, and will be remembered
10 not only for his outstanding football skills but also for his uplifting attitude and his
11 willingness to assist and mentor younger players and students; and

12 WHEREAS, PFC Dantzler was stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany when he was
13 deployed with the United States Army 66th Transportation Company to provide support in
14 the central region of Iraq, north of Baghdad; and

15 WHEREAS, PFC Dantzler distinguished himself with his exemplary conduct and
16 dedication to accomplishing his mission, which required that he place himself in danger on
17 the desert highways and non-secured areas of a hostile region; and

18 WHEREAS, PFC Dantzler was twenty-two years old when he was engaged in such

1 transportation support on July 22, 2004, near Samarra when the convoy he was traveling
2 with was attacked by enemy forces and an improvised explosive device was detonated near
3 his vehicle, mortally wounding him; and

4 WHEREAS, while PFC Dantzler will be remembered by his family, friends, and
5 fellow soldiers as a patriot who answered when his country called him to serve in a faraway
6 land to fight the enemies of freedom; and

7 WHEREAS, while PFC Dantzler's wife, Serena, and his two young children, Kayla,
8 twenty-two months old, and Torey Jr., four months old, will all sorely miss his presence in
9 their lives and the comfort of his voice in their world, his loving memory will live on in their
10 hearts forever; and

11 WHEREAS, PFC Dantzler was a loving husband and father, and the head of his
12 family, and he will be especially missed by his wife, Serena, who must now face the
13 challenge of going on with life without her "best friend," as she struggles to help her children
14 understand and cope with the loss of their father; and

15 WHEREAS, PFC Dantzler will forever serve as an inspiration to all those who knew
16 him and as a symbol of the American fighting man who makes the ultimate sacrifice for his
17 country's struggle for freedom.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
20 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army PFC Torey J. Dantzler.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 family of PFC Dantzler.

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

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army PFC Torey J. Dantzler.