CONDOLENCEs. Expresses condolences upon the death of Specialist James P. Lambert.
of his country and comrades ahead of his own needs and interest; and

WHEREAS, heroism, bravery, and uncommon valor displayed by Specialist Lambert during his tour in Iraq may never be completely and fully measured, despite the awarding of high military combat honors such as the Bronze Star Medal and two Purple Hearts for the blood he shed gallantly for his country; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Lambert was only 23 years old when he embarked on a mounted night patrol on May 25, 2004, through the deadly streets and alleys of Fallujah, a known stronghold of terrorist forces; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Lambert and his patrol were attacked by enemy forces which struck his vehicle with an improvised explosive device, mortally wounding Specialist Lambert and a fellow soldier; and

WHEREAS, while the loss of Specialist Lambert and his comrade was almost more than his family and friends could endure, their ultimate sacrifice for their country made citizens around Louisiana rally in support of America's fighting forces and their gallant efforts on behalf of their country; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army Specialist James P. Lambert for bravely fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the wife, Rachel, and mother and father, Rosemary and Fred, of Specialist James P. Lambert.

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 Specialist James P. Lambert.