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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Linda J. Villar.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Linda J. Villar upon her death during a terrorist rocket attack on an American forward operating base.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar was a native of Franklinton who loved her adopted hometown of New Orleans where she had moved with her mother and brother while still in high school; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar had sought to improve her education throughout her life, beginning as a clerk at the United States Customs Service while still in high school and later earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southern University and a master's degree in organization and business from Cambridge College; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar subsequently began working as a civilian employed by the United States Army, working her way up through the military hierarchy by traveling across the country and at times around the world, eventually earning the title of logistics assistance representative for the Army's Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command and being assigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar was subsequently assigned to Baghdad, Iraq, where she used her experience and expertise to insure that the men of her unit had the proper equipment and
training, as well as the day-to-day supplies they needed to accomplish their military mission
in addition to the personal comfort items that could make a soldier’s lonely life more
bearable; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Villar accomplished her duties as a troubleshooter and provider
in an outstanding fashion, always concerned with and dedicated to getting her troops
everything available that they needed in the completion of their duties; and

WHEREAS, while Mrs. Villar sorely missed her husband, David, her 11-year-old
daughter, Tanesha, and her mother, Dorothy Magee, she was proud to be a part of her
country’s war on terror and the liberation of the oppressed people of Iraq from the despotic
regime of Saddam Hussien; and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2005, Mrs. Villar was stationed at Camp Liberty, a military
base on the northern edge of Baghdad, and was engaged in her daily physical workout just
prior to her work shift when the facility she was exercising in came under a rocket attack
from terrorist forces and she was mortally wounded; and

WHEREAS, while the loss of 41-year-old Mrs. Villar left the lives of her friends,
family, and troops she worked for in shattered disarray, they all knew that she would want
them to persevere, struggle through, and soldier on without her; and

WHEREAS, while all those who loved her will miss her dearly, they cannot dismiss
the pride they feel in having known such a wonderfully decent and deeply patriotic person
such as Mrs. Villar.

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 Linda J. Villar for her brave and faithful service to
her country and the sacrifice she made in the name of freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
family of Linda J. Villar.
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 in Operation Iraqi Freedom of Linda J. Villar.