

Regular Session, 2006

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Marine Corporal Chad W. Powell.

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 Corporal Chad W. Powell
4 upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

5 WHEREAS, Corporal Powell was a native of West Monroe, Louisiana, graduating
6 in 2001 from West Monroe High School, and was filled with a great love of his country and
7 a need to serve it; and

8 WHEREAS, Corporal Powell decided only six months after leaving high school, and
9 in the wake of the World Trade Center attacks, that he could best serve his country by
10 joining it in its war on terrorism and by becoming a member of its most legendary and
11 renowned fighting force, the United States Marine Corps; and

12 WHEREAS, Corporal Powell endured the rigors of Marine Corps boot camp at Parris
13 Island, South Carolina, and excelled under the harsh training conditions that many feel are
14 some of the most difficult in the world, bringing great credit upon himself and his new
15 Marine Corps family; and

16 WHEREAS, Corporal Powell was assigned to Headquarters Company, 8th Marine
17 Regiment, 2nd Marine Division based in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he sharpened
18 his combat skills in preparation for the conflicts he would face around the world in the

1 course of his service; and

2 WHEREAS, Corporal Powell would subsequently be deployed to secure and stabilize
3 a highly volatile and hazardous condition of civil disorder in the Republic of Haiti and then
4 on to Afghanistan where he helped prosecute this nation's War on Terror against the
5 extremists behind the September 11, 2001, attacks on America and the freedom it represents;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Marine Corporal then received orders for his third deployment and
8 along with the men of his unit traveled to the war-torn southwestern Asia theater of
9 operations where free elections were being threatened by terrorist activities; and

10 WHEREAS, Corporal Powell and fellow Marines began patrols, sweeps, and other
11 offensive operations in order to find, fix, and destroy enemy assets and elements in
12 strongholds such as Fallujah; and

13 WHEREAS, it was in just such a patrol that the 22-year-old Marine Corporal was
14 participating in on June, 23, 2005, when he and his unit were engaged by heavily-armed
15 terrorist forces; and

16 WHEREAS, Corporal Powell distinguished himself, his unit, and his country by his
17 courageous conduct during the fierce encounter in which he was mortally wounded, along
18 with five other brave young warriors, during the attack by suicide car bombers and
19 determined enemy ground forces; and

20 WHEREAS, the family of Corporal Powell, his wife, Danielle, his son, Elijah, and
21 his parents, Jerry and Brenda, all feel the devastation and intense pain of losing one so dear
22 in a faraway place and at such an age.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
24 does hereby extend its most sincere condolences and profound feelings of sorrow to the
25 family of United States Marine Corps Corporal Chad W. Powell from a grateful state and
26 nation for the unbearable sacrifice and loss suffered in ground combat operations in
27 America's War on Terror.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 family of Corporal Chad W. Powell.

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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