

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

BY SENATORS MARIONNEAUX AND SHEPHERD

A RESOLUTION

To declare Tuesday, June 5, 2007, Military Family Day in the Louisiana Senate in honor of Louisiana's fallen armed forces.

WHEREAS, Louisiana has provided significant military manpower in America's war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana sent the 256th Infantry Brigade, one of the premier national guard units in America, to Operation Iraqi Freedom, where they served with great distinction, dedication, and courage; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has participated heavily in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, sending assets, both in personal and material, to stop the terrorist threat posed there by those who would harm America and her people; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has suffered more combat casualties than most of her neighboring states and is surpassed in this area by only ten other, much more heavily populated states; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has a proud tradition of active participation in each of this country's fights for freedom, the many battles for liberty and unending struggle for democracy; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of two major military events will occur near June 5, 2007, the Memorial Day remembrance of those killed in war and the 63rd anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, where Louisiana-produced landing craft made the allied victory possible; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Senate has honored each of its fallen soldiers with a Condolence Resolution honoring their service and sacrifice in the war on terrorism, in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate that the upper chamber of the Louisiana Legislature invite the families of the fallen to be the guests of the state and the Senate for a day of recognition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby declare Tuesday, June 5, 2007, Military Family Day in the Senate in order to honor Louisiana's fallen soldiers and their families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each family represented in the ceremony.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE