

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army First Lieutenant Ashley Laine Henderson Huff upon her death in ground combat action in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, Army First Lieutenant Ashley Laine Henderson Huff was a native of Covington, Louisiana, and spent most of her childhood in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she attended Heritage Preparatory School and Silverside Academy until she reached the seventh grade, when she and her family moved to Belle Meade, New Jersey, where she would complete both middle and high school; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Huff later entered college at the University of Georgia where she was a freshman in September of 2001, when she witnessed the terrorists attack on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon near Washington, D.C. and decided she would serve her country in uniform; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2001, First Lieutenant Huff signed up and joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Georgia, where she graduated in 2004 and also received her commission as a Second Lieutenant and reported to Ft. Stewart, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Huff married her husband, Brian Huff, in the fall of 2005, shortly before she received her orders in December, 2005, for a tour of duty in the Middle East participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Huff traveled to Iraq with her unit, the 549th Military Police Company, 385th Military Police Battalion, and began her duties as a platoon leader in the dusty, mean streets of Mosul; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Huff certainly missed her husband, Brian, and her family and friends and knew the dangers that were inherent with her mission in the combat zone, but comforted both her family and herself with the fact that she was helping establish a democracy in Iraq by training Iraqi police and protecting the freedom of her fellow Americans back home; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Huff was twenty-three years old when she and other military police were conducting a mounted patrol during combat operations in Mosul on September 19, 2006, when a suicide bomber detonated his explosive-filled vehicle near her location; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Huff was mortally wounded in the attack on her position and died bravely while honorably performing her mission in her country's War on Terror; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Huff received the Bronze Star Medal for her valor on the battlefield, the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat, and the Combat Action Badge, posthumously, as well as the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its sincere condolences to the family of United States Army First Lieutenant Ashley Laine Henderson Huff for their loss and its profound sense of sorrow over their sacrifice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of United States Army First Lieutenant Ashley Laine Henderson Huff.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE