

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and loved ones of United States Army Sergeant First Class Terry O. P. Wallace upon his death in ground combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Terry O. P. Wallace was a native of Winnsboro, Louisiana, and a graduate of Winnsboro High School, where he first met the person he would share his life with, his wife, Shunda; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Wallace enlisted in the Army soon after graduating from high school, fulfilling his long held desire to serve his country as a member of its uniformed services; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Wallace ultimately decided that he would remain in the Army and make serving his country his career; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Wallace had been posted to a number of overseas stations during his fifteen-year military experience; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Wallace was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division based at Ft. Hood, Texas, when the unit received orders for and was deployed to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Wallace had served his country all over the world but this was his first tour in the Iraqi Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Wallace was proud to be a part of his nation's war on terrorism and serving actively in combat; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Wallace was thirty-three years old and involved in combat operations in Taji, Iraq, on June 27, 2006, when he and his men came under fire and were engaged by a large, heavily armed enemy force; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Wallace was mortally wounded by enemy fire during this fierce encounter; and

WHEREAS, while Sergeant First Class Wallace's family grieves now for the father, husband, son, and soldier they have lost, they are still filled with pride with his love for his country, his dedicated service to it, and his courage defending it from those who would do it harm; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Wallace's wife, Shunda, and his two-year-old daughter, Raven, must now continue on in a life without his strong presence, carrying his loving memory in their hearts for the rest of their days.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its most sincere condolences to the family of United States Army Sergeant First Class Terry O. P. Wallace for his ultimate sacrifice in this nation's fight for freedom and the profound sense of loss that his loved ones feel in his absence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of United States Army Sergeant First Class Terry O. P. Wallace.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE