

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

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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 Sergeant Brandon L. Teeters upon his death in combat in Iraq.

WHEREAS, Army Sergeant Brandon L. Teeters was raised in St. Mary Parish and graduated from Centerville High School in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters enlisted in the United States Army in June 2004, feeling proud that he would be serving his country in its armed forces during a time when freedom and the American way of life were being threatened by extremists, terrorists, and foreign foes, and he would be part of stopping them; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters was successful as he overcame the challenges he faced in Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training, hardening his body with physical training and sharpening his mind from the lessons learned during combat skills training; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters was subsequently assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> Squadron, 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment of the legendary 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, a unit which has a proud tradition of major participation in key actions from Normandy Beach in World War II to Dak To in the Central Highlands of Vietnam and now Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters learned his duties as a Cavalry Scout thoroughly, knowing his role within his unit and preparing himself with exhaustive training for the combat he knew he would face; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters was ready when he and his unit were deployed in December 2006, to the Iraqi Theater of Operations, after more than two years together in the heat and dust of Ft. Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters was twenty-one years old when he and other scouts mounted their Bradley Fighting Vehicle and launched combat operations in Baghdad, April 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters and his fellow soldiers were subsequently engaged by a heavily armed and determined enemy force and, during fierce fighting, Sergeant Teeters was grievously wounded; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters was medevaced from the field of combat and taken to a hospital in Ludwigshafen, Germany, which offered expert skills in the treatment of the type burns that he suffered; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters was awarded the Purple Heart for his battlefield wounds at that hospital as he fought bravely for more than three weeks before succumbing to his extensive injuries; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Teeters' other awards and decorations include the Army Service Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Services Medal.

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 Sergeant Brandon L. Teeters for his ultimate sacrifice for his country and the profound loss his loved ones must endure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of United States Army Sergeant Brandon L. Teeters.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE