

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

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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 Corporal Marcus A. Cain upon his death in combat in Iraq.

WHEREAS, Corporal Marcus A. Cain was a native of Crowley, Louisiana, growing up there and later moving to the neighboring town of Jennings where he was a 2004 graduate of Jennings High School; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Cain enlisted in the United States Army shortly after he finished high school, deciding on military service because of his love for his country and the opportunities military life offered; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Cain thrived on the disciplined, organized command structure of the military, gaining a new perspective on the world as he gained confidence from his new responsibilities and experiences; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Cain, once his Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training were complete, was assigned to the 4th Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Cain loved being a part of the legendary Ivy Division, known affectionately as "The Fighting Fourth" by its members, and soon Corporal Cain decided to re-enlist and stay with the unit rather than leave the military; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Cain and the soldiers of his unit soon learned they would be deployed to Iraq and, like many before them, they steeled themselves for the absence from friends, family, and loved ones and the successful accomplishment of their difficult and dangerous mission; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Cain was twenty years old as he and other soldiers planned operations and missions and studied reports of suspected enemy locations in and around Baghdad on September 14, 2006, at a military substation in western Baghdad when they were attacked by terrorists; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Cain, Sergeant Jennifer Hartman, and Sergeant Aaron Smith were all mortally wounded when a suicide bomber drove his explosives-laden vehicle into their location; and

WHEREAS, while the family of Corporal Cain struggled to understand his loss and the impact it would have on their lives, they were also filled with a love and pride in his service and dedication to his country; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Cain was returned home to Jennings where he was mourned by the many whose lives he had touched and honored by the entire town as a hero who had fought for liberty and freedom.

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 Corporal Marcus A. Cain for their loss and his dedication and sacrifice in the country's War on Terror.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of United States Army Corporal Marcus A. Cain.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE