SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

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A RESOLUTION

To express the most sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Jonathan C. Schwall upon his death while in the military service of his country.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Jonathan C. Schwall was a native of Tacoma, Washington, growing up there and later moving to Slidell, Louisiana, where he was a resident for more than seven years; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Schwall decided after high school that he wanted to serve his country and felt he could best accomplish that goal by enlisting in this nation's armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Schwall found the spartan nature of the military to his liking, and his dedication and determination to be a good soldier helped push him through the difficult time of Basic Combat Training; and

WHEREAS, after training, Sergeant Schwall was assigned to Charlie Company of the 205th Engineering Battalion located in Camp Villiere in Slidell, Louisiana, where he served with honor; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Schwall would soon meet and marry Rebekkah Kinney, and they would begin their life together and ultimately bring much comfort and love to each other as they shared their lives; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Schwall and his fellow soldiers would subsequently receive their orders for deployment to Afghanistan and participation in Operation Enduring Freedom in the fight to rid that country of its Taliban oppressors; and
WHEREAS, Sergeant Schwall served in the combat theater with distinction and courage and gave great assistance to the men and officers of his unit as they fought not only a determined enemy but severe weather conditions as they struggled to accomplish their mission; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Schwall and his unit returned home from their combat tour, thankful for the freedoms they enjoyed and proud of their role in preserving liberty in a faraway, desolate place; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Schwall was twenty-two years old when he slid behind the steering wheel of his car on Monday, December 19, 2005, for a short trip that would go tragically wrong when he was fatally injured in an automobile accident; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Schwall will now remain forever young in the hearts and minds of those that knew him and loved him and understood all of the many positive things he had always stood for.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its profound condolences to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Jonathan C. Schwall for their immeasurable loss and for his faithful service and sacrifice in the name of his country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of United States National Guard Army Sergeant Jonathan C. Schwall.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE