

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106

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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 National Guard Sergeant Terrell Gilmore upon his death in ground combat in Iraq.

WHEREAS, Army National Guard Sergeant Terrell Gilmore was a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was a graduate of Glen Oaks High School; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore had always held a deep love for his country and felt that the best way he could express that love was to serve his nation in its armed services; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore enlisted in the United States Army on June 16, 1988, beginning a long and distinguished military career; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore served an active duty enlistment in the Regular Army and was a combat veteran of the first Persian Gulf War, serving bravely in Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore continued his military career after completing his first enlistment by joining the Louisiana Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore was assigned to the 769th Engineer Battalion of the Louisiana Army National Guard where he served with dedication and distinction as a driver with the combat engineers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore returned to the Iraqi Theater of Operations many years later when his unit received its orders to deploy to the war-torn, middle eastern country in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore was assigned to the Forward Support Company of his engineer battalion where he would be given the risky task of moving badly needed supplies over the dangerous and unsecured roads of the war zone; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore drove more than a thousand miles throughout Iraq, through sand storms, ambushes, and enemy fire, as he operated a heavy-cargo military vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore was admired and respected by those who served with him in combat and known as a soldier who kept a cool head in tough situations and who adapted to rapidly changing circumstances and overcame challenge after challenge as he fought to accomplish his critical mission; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore was in the course of transporting vitally needed supplies to American troops in a remote and isolated location on Sunday, March 30, 2008, when the thirty-eight year old combat veteran of two wars was engaged by enemy forces and the vehicle he was driving was struck by an improvised explosive device and he was mortally wounded; and

WHEREAS, the family members of Sergeant Gilmore were affected immeasurably by his loss and were also filled with a great pride that he was bravely performing a crucial role under extremely dangerous conditions because it was necessary, and he performed it with great courage and skill.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its deepest sorrow and utmost condolences to the family of Louisiana Army National Guard Sergeant Terrell Gilmore for their unbearable loss and his extraordinary sacrifice in his country's War On Terror.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE