

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108

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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 Louisiana Army National Guard Sergeant Brandon Boudreaux upon his death on active duty.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Brandon Boudreaux was a native of Thibodeaux, Louisiana, and was a 2004 graduate of Thibodaux High School where his gifted athletic abilities helped him to excel in gymnastics; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux loved athletics and brought his considerable sports skills with him when he began coaching and umpiring baseball to the young people living in his community; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux was also a dedicated martial arts enthusiast and loved to use the discipline as a means to help keep himself mentally centered and physically tough; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux was a young man of strong faith and spiritual belief who worshiped regularly and was a member of the University Baptist Church of Thibodeaux, as well as a member of the Christian Club at his high school; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux combined his love of music and his religious beliefs to become a member of several Christian bands such as "Unmerited Favor" and "Praise Team" and also traveled to other states with church members to do mission work; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux's continued interest in music drew him to work as a disc jockey for a local radio station through a program at Nicholls State University and provided him with a means of expressing himself through performance; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux had always held a deep respect for his country's military and was active in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program in high school; and

WHEREAS, greatly affected by the September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks on America, Sergeant Boudreaux decided while still in high school that he wanted to be a part of his country's war on terror and could best serve that purpose by enlisting in the Louisiana Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux successfully completed his Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri before going on to Engineer Training and assignment to C Company, 1088 Battalion, 928th Combat Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux and his fellow soldiers were ultimately deployed to Iraq where they performed the dangerous duties of clearing roads of enemy mines, bombs and improvised explosive devices, as well as rebuilding a country that lay in rubble from years of warfare; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux served bravely and with distinction in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom and returned home in 2005 to find his state suffering from the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, so he volunteered to help in the clean-up of the New Orleans area and felt a great pride in what he accomplished there; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Boudreaux had recently requested reassignment to 2nd Platoon, 927th Transportation Company because the unit was about to be deployed to Iraq and the battle-scarred veteran thought he could make a difference in a place that needed his help; and

WHEREAS, tragically, before he could depart on his new mission, he was involved in an automobile accident in which he was mortally injured on February 24, 2008, at age twenty-three.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolence to the family of Louisiana Army National Guard Sergeant Brandon Boudreaux for their immeasurable loss and his great sacrifice as he faithfully served his community, state and nation and will be forever remembered by those who knew and loved him as a true American hero.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Louisiana Army National Guard Sergeant Brandon Boudreaux.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE