

Regular Session, 2008

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY SENATORS NEVERS AND MARIONNEAUX AND REPRESENTATIVES
EDWARDS AND RITCHIE

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of United States Army Specialist Justin R. Mixon.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana to the family of United States Army Specialist Justin R. Mixon upon his
4 death in ground combat operations in Iraq.

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Mixon and his family was originally from Tangipahoa Parish
6 and relocated to Bogalusa when his father, the Reverend Walter Mixon, was named pastor
7 at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Specialist Mixon attended Louisiana Technical College Sullivan
9 Campus and worked as a welder and held various other construction jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, Specialist Mixon had always felt a deep love and great respect for his
11 country and ultimately decided that he could serve it best as a member of the United States
12 Army; and

13 WHEREAS, Specialist Mixon thrived in the tough, military regimen, learning his job
14 as an infantryman and training hard to sharpen the skills that he knew he must develop to
15 perform his duties and accomplish his mission; and

16 WHEREAS, Specialist Mixon would be sent to Europe and assigned to the 1st
17 Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment based in Vilseck, Germany, where he would meet
18 and marry his wife, Tia, and where he would become a father to his son, Tony Ray Mixon;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Specialist Mixon and his fellow soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker
3 Calvary Regiment would soon be deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom where their unit
4 would conduct aggressive clearing operations in order to bring increased order and stability
5 to a lawless part of the war zone; and

6 WHEREAS, Specialist Mixon would become known and respected among the other
7 cavalry dragoons, or mounted infantry, as a good trooper and someone to be counted on
8 when things got tough in the heat of battle; and

9 WHEREAS, Specialist Mixon and the soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker
10 Calvary Regiment would accomplish their mission with great success, clearing the enemy
11 from their regimental area of operations and reducing the tribal violence so common when
12 the unit first arrived; and

13 WHEREAS, Specialist Mixon and the members of his stryker vehicle were in the
14 process of clearing roads and searching for enemy troops on Sunday, June 1, 2008, when
15 they were engaged by hostile forces and the vehicle in which they were riding was struck by
16 an improvised explosive device which mortally wounded the battle-hardened dragoon
17 outside Baghdad; and

18 WHEREAS, the death of Specialist Mixon was an immeasurable loss to his family
19 and friends, it was tempered by the pride they felt for Specialist Mixon and his brave service
20 to his country; and

21 WHEREAS, now a widow with a small son must now continue on without the love
22 and support of a husband and father and the loving presence he brought into their lives.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
24 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of United States
25 Army Specialist Justin R. Mixon for his brave military service and his total sacrifice for his
26 country.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 family of United States Army Specialist Justin R. Mixon.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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