

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Louisiana Army National Guard Sergeant Brandon Boudreaux.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere 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 Thibodaux, 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 for 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 Thibodaux, 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

1 "Praise Team" and also traveled to other states with church members to do mission work;  
2 and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 WHEREAS, tragically, before he could depart on his new mission, he was involved  
29 in an automobile accident in which he was mortally injured on February 28, 2008, at age  
30 twenty-three.

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

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
7 family of Sergeant Brandon Boudreaux.

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

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DIGEST

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