

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 28

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of United States Army Sergeant First Class David J. Todd, Jr.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of
3 Louisiana upon the death in combat of United States Army Sergeant First Class
4 David J. Todd, Jr., in his country's global war on terrorism.

5 WHEREAS, though Sergeant First Class Todd was a native of San Antonio, Texas,
6 he held many things precious from his experiences in his adoptive state of Louisiana and
7 considered Marrero his second home; and

8 WHEREAS, he grew up on the northeast side and attended MacArthur High School,
9 where he met and married his wife, Tianne, and was blessed with five precious children that
10 he loved dearly; and

11 WHEREAS, SFC Todd loved his country deeply and felt that the best way he could
12 honor and serve it would be as a member of its armed forces, protecting his fellow citizens
13 from the deadly intentions of terrorist organizations working to destroy justice, freedom, and
14 liberty for all citizens, everywhere; and

15 WHEREAS, he left high school to pursue his dream of military service to his country
16 and climbed through the enlisted ranks through training, devotion, and discipline as he
17 inspired and earned the respect of the men he commanded, always placing his men and
18 mission before himself; and

1 WHEREAS, SFC Todd ultimately found himself teaching in the Reserve Officer
2 Training Corps at Tulane University and had a successful three-year tour there as an
3 instructor when he decided that he would volunteer for combat duty in the Afghanistan
4 Theater of Operations; and

5 WHEREAS, he already had served two tours in Iraq, but his love for his country and
6 the honor he felt when he led his men in combat, accomplished their mission and brought
7 them back alive was so great that he ignored the personal dangers to himself; and

8 WHEREAS, SFC Todd trained hard at Fort Riley, Kansas, with the legendary 1st
9 Infantry Division, as he prepared for his deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom with
10 the 1st Brigade of the "Big Red One"; and

11 WHEREAS, he was assigned to a Military Transition Team where he would advise,
12 teach, mentor, and coach his Afghan Army counterparts, as well as assisting them with
13 indirect fire, air strikes, and tactics during ground combat operations; and

14 WHEREAS, SFC Todd was further assigned to the Afghan Regional Security
15 Integration Command-West, located in Herat, Afghanistan, where he served as a
16 reconnaissance scout; and

17 WHEREAS, he was 36 years old when he led his reconnaissance patrol through the
18 dangerous streets of Bala Morghab on August 20, 2008, and was engaged by a large and
19 well-armed enemy force in a fierce battle at close range when he was mortally wounded as
20 he bravely lead his men.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby express its heartfelt sorrow and deepest condolences to the family of Sergeant
23 First Class David J. Todd, Jr., and takes note of his gallant service and ultimate sacrifice for
24 his country in its war on terror.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 family of United States Army Sergeant First Class David J. Todd.

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

DIGEST

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