

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Daniel Dupre.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family and loved ones of United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Daniel Dupre upon his death in a ground combat mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Daniel Dupre grew up in Lockport and was raised by his grandmother, Hilda Dupre, and other family members, after his mother, Joycelyn Dupre, died when he was a young boy; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dupre was drawn to military service, even as a student at Central Lafourche High School, where he was an active member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps immediately after his high school graduation and began a highly successful, ten-year military career; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dupre headed straight for infantry training, excelling in his first assignment with the Marine Corps' elite silent-drill platoon, and sharpening his warrior skills at every chance; and

WHEREAS, he worked his way up through the ranks using his great discipline and his high standards for perfection, and later using those skills, he would lead his men through

1 four overseas deployments in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dupre was ultimately assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th
4 Marines, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Lejeune, North
5 Carolina, and actively deployed in Anbar Province, Iraq; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dupre, seasoned in combat experience and considered
7 by his peers to represent everything an authentic Semper Fi Marine should, was chosen for
8 a dangerous, classified, ground mission; and

9 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dupre was 28 years old when he and other Marines were
10 engaged by enemy snipers July 15, 2008, near the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi and he
11 was mortally wounded in the exchange; and

12 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dupre shall be mourned and remembered by those he
13 served with, his loss is immeasurable to his family and those who loved him, especially his
14 wife, Crystal, and his 3-year-old son, Daniel; and

15 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Dupre returned home to Lockport under military escort
16 by Marines he knew and had served with and was laid to rest with full military honors
17 reserved for heroes such as he.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of United States
20 Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Daniel Dupre for their grievous loss and his supreme sacrifice
21 in his nation's war on terror. Semper Fi and well done, Marine.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 family of United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Daniel Dupre on behalf of a grateful
24 state and nation.

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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