

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of United States Army Sergeant First Class David R. Hurst.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the  
3 family of United States Army Sergeant First Class David R. Hurst upon his death in  
4 combat operations in Iraq.

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class David R. Hurst of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was a  
6 professional career soldier, who faithfully served his country in uniform with great  
7 distinction; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Hurst was an infantryman during his entire military  
9 service, completing his basic combat training and his advanced individual training at the  
10 legendary infantry training post, Fort Benning, Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Hurst would also successfully complete the tough  
12 airborne training conducted at Fort Benning, earning his jump wings as he continued to  
13 advance and sharpen his warrior skills; and

14 WHEREAS, he would take advantage of the many opportunities available in military  
15 education and successfully complete the Army Drill Sergeant School and teach basic combat  
16 training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Hurst would also graduate from other highly  
18 respected military schools such as the Air Movement Operations Course, the

1 Noncommissioned Officer Course, and the Primary Leadership Development Course; and

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Hurst was serving his third tour of duty in the Iraqi  
3 theater of operations, deploying twice with the elite and historic 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and  
4 operating in combat hot spots early in the war; and

5 WHEREAS, he served bravely and honorably with the airborne unit known as the  
6 "All American" Division, earning awards and decorations of the Purple Heart, Bronze Star  
7 Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement  
8 Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal,  
9 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional  
10 Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Drill Sergeant  
11 Badge, Parachutist Badge, and the highly prestigious Expert Infantryman Badge, and  
12 Combat Infantryman Badge; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Hurst would return to Operation Iraqi Freedom and  
14 lead troops in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
15 Mountain Division; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Hurst and his patrol was attacked by enemy forces  
17 in Baghdad June 7, 2008, and during the course of the fight, he was mortally wounded by  
18 an improvised explosive device; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Hurst is greatly missed by the soldiers he trained,  
20 led in combat, and who safely returned home because of his dedicated, expert, and hard-  
21 learned skills in ground warfare.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
23 does hereby extend its most sincere and profound condolences to the family of United States  
24 Army Sergeant First Class David R. Hurst for their immeasurable loss and his ultimate  
25 sacrifice in his nation's Global War on Terrorism.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
27 family of Sergeant First Class David R. Hurst.

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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