

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR ADLEY

CONDOLENCES. Extends condolences upon the death of U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Christopher Grant.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the
3 family of U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Christopher O. Grant upon his death
4 while engaging enemy forces in combat operations in Afghanistan.

5 WHEREAS, Christopher O. Grant was a native of Richwood, Louisiana, growing up
6 and graduating in 2012 from Richwood High School after distinguishing himself in
7 numerous school activities, including choir, football and track, and especially the Junior
8 Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

9 WHEREAS, after high school, Christopher Grant enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps
10 and began a journey he had dreamed of for years, to serve his country in its armed forces as
11 a U.S. Marine; and

12 WHEREAS, Christopher Grant demonstrated great leadership traits during his boot
13 camp training at Paris Island, South Carolina, and he quickly advanced to the position of
14 squad leader and was promoted to Private First Class before leaving basic training in
15 October, 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, Private First Class Grant would receive another promotion before he
17 received his orders to deploy to Operation Enduring Freedom and he proudly wore the rank
18 of Lance Corporal as he headed for the Middle East hotspot; and

1 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Grant was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, 2nd
2 Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, before
3 being deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and

4 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Grant and his fellow Marines had begun conducting
5 combat operations as soon as they arrived and all of the fresh Marine forces were learning
6 much about America's longest war as each new day passed; and

7 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Grant was twenty years old when he and his unit were
8 given the mission of finding, fixing, and engaging enemy troops that were reported to be
9 operating in Helmand Province; and

10 WHEREAS, it was on such an operation, on October 20, 2013, less than a month
11 after arriving in theater, that Lance Corporal Grant and his unit found enemy forces and
12 engaged them in a fierce firefight in which Lance Corporal Grant bravely fought and was
13 mortally wounded; and

14 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Grant will be forever mourned and deeply missed by
15 his family, friends, and fellow Marines, but he will always be remembered for his dedication,
16 discipline, and his answer to the call of duty from his country.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby express its deep and sincere condolences to the family of U.S. Marine Corps
19 Lance Corporal Christopher O. Grant for their loss of a loved one and their Marine's ultimate
20 sacrifice for his country.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
22 Lance Corporal Grant's mother, LaShonda Grant.

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

DIGEST

Adley

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Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Christopher Grant in combat in Afghanistan.