

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY SENATOR ADLEY

CONDOLENCES. Extends condolences on the repatriation and burial of the remains of Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Army Lt. Col. Don C. Faith.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Don C. Faith upon the repatriation of his remains from an unmarked grave in enemy territory, his long journey home and his burial with full military honors befitting a recipient of the Medal of Honor in Arlington National Cemetery on April 17, 2013.

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith was a native of Washington, Indiana, and came from a family with many ties to the military, but he was found medically unfit to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, so he graduated from Georgetown University in June, 1941, and joined the Army soon afterward; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith was assigned to the legendary 82nd Airborne Division and he remained with the All-American unit for the rest of World War II, participating in all four combat parachute assaults the division made during the war; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith was awarded decorations for combat valor, four stars on his jump wings, the first award of the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Arrowhead for his airborne assaults, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith remained in the Army after WWII and was assigned to the 7th Infantry Division in Japan as a battalion commander, but the outbreak of the Korean

1 War in the summer of 1950 sent him and the division to the Korean Peninsula; and

2 WHEREAS, in November, 1950, Lt. Col. Faith and a small task force found
3 themselves trapped on the shore of the Chosin Reservoir vastly outnumbered as wave after
4 wave of Chinese communist forces overran their position and he was eventually forced to
5 take command of the task force as a result of his superiors being killed; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith gallantly led his men in a breakout maneuver until he was
7 mortally wounded himself and was placed in a truck for evacuation South to friendly lines,
8 but the truck was badly shot up en route and abandoned and Lt. Col. Faith's body was left
9 behind; and

10 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith's remains were recovered sixty-two years later; and

11 WHEREAS, his daughter, Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Broyles, a long-time resident of
12 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was only four-years old when her father died, and she is very
13 grateful that his story is being told and that now he rests in peace with other heroes interred
14 in a place of great honor, Arlington National Cemetery; and

15 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith's award and decorations include the Medal of Honor, the
16 Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart
17 with oak leaf cluster, the World War II Victory Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United
18 Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the
19 Korean War Service Medal, the Combat Parachutist Badge with four stars, the Bronze
20 Arrowhead Device for participation in airborne assaults, and the Combat Infantryman Badge
21 with star, indicating award in two wars.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby extend its deepest and most respectful condolences to the family of United
24 States Army Lieutenant Colonel Don C. Faith upon the repatriation of his remains from an
25 unmarked grave in enemy territory to his burial over six decades later with full military
26 honors.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
28 hereby recognize the gallant and fearless services he rendered in two wars and for his
29 ultimate sacrifice in combat.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms.

1 Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Broyles.

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 repatriation and burial of U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel
Don Faith.