

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

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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 Jr. 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; and

WHEREAS, because he was found medically unfit to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Lt. Col. Faith attended Georgetown University in June, 1941, and joined the Army soon afterward; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith participated in five combat parachute assaults, including four while assigned to the legendary 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and he remained with the All-American unit for the rest of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith was awarded several decorations for combat valor, including four stars on his jump wings, the first award of the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Arrowhead for his airborne assaults, the French Croix de Guerre, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel at age 27; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith remained in the Army after WWII and was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Japan as a battalion commander, but the outbreak of the Korean War in the summer of 1950 sent him and the division to the Korean Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, in November, 1950, Lt. Col. Faith, Battalion Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, and his men found themselves trapped on the shore of the Chosin Reservoir, vastly outnumbered as wave after wave of Chinese communist forces overran their position, and he was eventually forced to take command of the task force as a result of his superiors being killed; and

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

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

WHEREAS, his daughter, Barbara "Bobbie" Faith Bennett Broyles, a long-time resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was only four years old when her father died, and she is very grateful that his story is being told and that now he rests in peace with other heroes interred in our nation's holiest shrine, Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Faith's award and decorations include the Medal of Honor, the Silver Star with oak leaf cluster, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, the World War II Victory Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Korean War Service Medal, the Combat Parachutist Badge with silver star, indicating five combat jumps, the Bronze Arrowhead Device for participation in airborne assaults, and the Combat Infantryman Badge with star, indicating award in two wars, and the French Croix de Guerre, and the USSR Order of the Red Star.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the gallant and fearless services he rendered in two wars and for his

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ultimate sacrifice in combat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Barbara "Bobbie" Faith Bennett Broyles.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE