

2015 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR ADLEY

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences of the Louisiana Senate upon the death of Louisiana Army National Guard Staff Sergeant Lance Bergeron.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the
3 family of Louisiana Army National Guard Staff Sergeant Lance Bergeron upon his
4 death.

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Lance Bergeron was a true leader in his Louisiana Army
6 National Guard unit, A Company of the 1st Assault Helicopter Battalion, 244th Aviation
7 Regiment, based in Hammond, Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, prior to his service with the Louisiana Army National Guard, he enlisted
9 in 1998 in the United States Marine Corps and served there for three years before joining the
10 Guard in 2001 as a Black Hawk repairer; and

11 WHEREAS, partly because of his extensive experience as a qualified enlisted flight
12 instructor, a graduate of the aircraft crew member standardization instructor course, the
13 aircraft maintainer course, and the warrior leader course, Staff Sergeant Bergeron was a man
14 that others aspired to be, according to the members of his unit; and

15 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bergeron had more than one thousand three hundred
16 flight hours, including three hundred seventy-seven combat flight hours, and was a hardened
17 combat veteran after two tours in Iraq in 2004 to 2005 and 2008 to 2009; and

18 WHEREAS, he was a strong and loving family man with a wife and two children;

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2 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bergeron played a key role during domestic deployments
3 of his unit for hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Isaac, and Operation River Guardian; and his
4 experience had much to do with the rescue, recovery and resupply missions during those
5 disasters; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bergeron was engaged in a routine nighttime training
7 exercise with the Marine 2nd Special Operation Battalion on the evening of March 10, 2015,
8 over the Florida Panhandle that involved the Marines fast roping into the water and
9 performing reconnaissance tactics along the Florida coast; and

10 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bergeron's aircraft went down over the Santa Rosa
11 Sound for reasons that remain unknown and all eleven personnel aboard perished in the
12 crash; and

13 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Lance Bergeron's awards and decorations include the
14 Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf
15 Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with
16 two Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Iraq
17 Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal,
18 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian
19 Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hour
20 Glass and M Device, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army
21 Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve
22 Components Overseas Training Ribbon, the Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the
23 Louisiana War Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster, Louisiana Emergency Service Medal with two
24 Oak Leaf Clusters, Louisiana General Excellence Ribbon with two Oak Leaf Clusters,
25 Louisiana Longevity Ribbon, Basic Aviation Badge, Senior Aviation Badge, and Combat
26 Action Badge.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
28 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of Louisiana
29 Army National Guard Staff Sergeant Lance Bergeron for their immeasurable loss and his
30 brave service to his country.

