

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR ADLEY

CONDOLENCES. Extends condolences on the death of United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Daniel Douville in Afghanistan.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of United States Air Force Technical Sergeant Daniel Douville in combat in
4 Operation Enduring Freedom.

5 WHEREAS, Daniel Douville was a native of Harvey, Louisiana and a 1995 graduate
6 of West Jefferson High School, where he also was a successful graduate of the school's Air
7 Force Junior ROTC program; and

8 WHEREAS, Daniel Douville enlisted in the United States Air Force while still a
9 teen, excelling in his training as he completed basic combat training and the tough,
10 dangerous program for explosive ordnance disposal; and

11 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Douville would become a career airman stationed
12 at Eglin Air Force Base and living nearby with his wife, LaShana, and their three children;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, during his fourteen years of proudly serving his country in uniform,
15 Technical Sergeant Douville performed two tours of duty in Afghanistan, one tour in Iraq,
16 and participated in a humanitarian mission in the Balkans; and

17 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Douville was assigned to the 96th Civil Engineer
18 Group as an explosive ordnance disposal technician, recognized by his commanders as one

1 of the most dangerous jobs in the military; and

2 WHEREAS, while Technical Sergeant Douville was keenly aware of the constant
3 hazards involved with his work, he also knew that his job and the skills needed to perform
4 it were critical to his country's mission; and

5 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Douville was involved in combat operations on June
6 26, 2011, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, an area where firefights with enemy soldiers
7 were common; and

8 WHEREAS, while Technical Sergeant Douville was intensely focused on disarming
9 an improvised explosive device left behind by enemy forces to attack American troops as
10 they passed the ambush site; and

11 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Douville was mortally wounded that day when the
12 explosive device he was attempting to disarm was command detonated by enemy
13 combatants; and

14 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Douville was 33 years old when he died fighting for
15 his country, leaving a wife, three children, and his parents to grieve for him and suffer his
16 loss, but feel true pride for his faithful, dedicated, and courageous service to his country and
17 for the many lives he saved; and

18 WHEREAS, while Technical Sergeant Douville was posthumously awarded the
19 Bronze Star for combat valor and a Purple Heart, he was also a recipient of an earlier Bronze
20 Star Medal for bravery and Commendation Medals from the Air Force, Army and Navy.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of United States
23 Air Force Technical Sergeant Daniel Douville for their immeasurable loss and his brave
24 service to his country.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 wife and the parents of Technical Sergeant Douville.

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

DIGEST

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