

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Douville was assigned to the 96th Civil Engineer Group as an explosive ordnance disposal technician, recognized by his commanders as one of the most dangerous jobs in the military; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE