

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Louisiana National Guard Specialist Bryan Meche upon his death.

WHEREAS, Louisiana National Guard Specialist Bryan Meche enlisted in the armed forces of his country in 2006, because of his deep respect and love for his country and his desire to be a part of America's global war on terror; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Bryan Meche served with great distinction in Operation Iraqi Freedom where he successfully completed a one-year deployment as a member of the 228<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Meche was a beloved member of his military unit, sometimes using his knowledge of south Louisiana cooking techniques to prepare gumbo for all of the troops stationed at his camp; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Meche had a reputation as a considerate and giving soldier to the other troops, marines, national guardsmen and fellow police officers stationed at his base camp; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Meche returned home after his combat tour to his regular job as a corporal on the Iowa, Louisiana, Police Department where he was a respected and well-liked member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Meche was engaged in the pursuit of a degree in the field of criminal justice at McNeese State University and was also a police academy graduate; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Meche's life was tragically cut short in an accident as he worked on his family's home in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Meche was recognized for his brave service by his fellow soldiers of his platoon with full military honors, including the playing of Taps and a twenty-one gun salute; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Meche was also honored by his work family of sisters and brothers of the badge as they escorted him to his final resting place at Magnolia Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, soldiers who had served in combat with Specialist Meche in Operation Iraqi Freedom spoke of his passion for helping others and his willingness to give assistance to anybody; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Meche was described by Iowa Police Chief Keith Vincent as a real go-getter and someone who could be counted on to finish a task or do what was needed to accomplish his mission.

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 Louisiana National Guard Specialist Bryan Meche for their great loss and for his brave service to his country, state and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Specialist Bryan Meche.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE