

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of United States Navy Lieutenant Allison Oubre.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the
3 family of United States Navy Lieutenant Allison Oubre upon her death on active
4 duty in the service of her country.

5 WHEREAS, Allison Oubre was a native daughter of Slidell, Louisiana, and a
6 graduate of St. Margaret Mary School and Pope John Paul High School in Slidell before
7 attending Vanderbilt University on an ROTC Scholarship; and

8 WHEREAS, Allison would distinguish herself in high school with her outstanding
9 academic achievements as a member of the National Junior Honor Society, as well as
10 athletically as a member of the school's tennis team, and musically as a clarinetist in the
11 school band; and

12 WHEREAS, Allison would later join the United States Navy and begin her military
13 career training as a Naval aviator, and after that proud and special moment when she earned
14 her wings, she began a life of travel and adventure as her armed forces duties took her
15 around the world; and

16 WHEREAS, while stationed overseas, Lieutenant Oubre took the opportunity to
17 participate in the famous running with the bulls through the streets of Pamplona, Spain, see
18 parts of India while her carrier was in port there, tan herself in the warm sunlight of Dubai

1 and buy jewelry in the markets of Hong Kong with her shipmates Lt. Ursala Smith and Lt.
2 Lora Gorsky; and

3 WHEREAS, Lt. Oubre also had plans to climb famous Mount Kilimanjaro in
4 northeastern Tanzania, where the almost twenty thousand foot stratovolcano towers above
5 the African plain; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Oubre served as part of the HS-6 anti-submarine squadron, known
7 as "The Indians", while she was stationed aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS
8 Nimitz as a member of Carrier Air Wing 11, of the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group, based in
9 San Diego, California; and

10 WHEREAS, while Lt. Oubre had traveled far and seen much of the world, her life
11 took a major step in 2009 when she married fellow Navy Lieutenant Colter Menke and
12 made plans for a formal wedding in New Orleans in June 2009 in order to share her new
13 happiness with family and friends; and

14 WHEREAS, Lt. Oubre was loved, known, and admired by many for her unusual
15 talents and skills such as flying the Navy HH-60 Seahawk helicopter off the Carrier Nimitz;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, 27-year-old Lt. Oubre was taking part in a routine training mission off
18 the coast of California on May 19, 2009, when her aircraft, for no known reason, went down
19 in the Pacific Ocean; and

20 WHEREAS, the friends, family, and loved ones of Lt. Oubre were stricken with grief
21 over her tragic loss, and yet filled with pride in having the fortune and honor of knowing a
22 truly great American such as she; and

23 WHEREAS, with so many things accomplished, so many goals reached, and so many
24 lessons learned, those who loved Lt. Oubre feel comforted in knowing that she will live on
25 in their hearts and memories forever.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
27 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of United States
28 Navy Lieutenant Allison Oubre for their great loss and her brave and determined service to
29 her country.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

1 family of Lieutenant Allison Oubre.

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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