

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, while stationed overseas, Lieutenant Oubre took the opportunity to participate in the famous running with the bulls through the streets of Pamplona, Spain, see parts of India while her carrier was in port there, tan herself in the warm sunlight of Dubai and buy jewelry in the markets of Hong Kong with her shipmates Lt. Ursala Smith and Lt. Lora Gorsky; and

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

WHEREAS, Lt. Oubre served as part of the HS-6 anti-submarine squadron, known as "The Indians", while she was stationed aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS

Nimitz as a member of Carrier Air Wing 11, of the Nimitz Carrier Strike Group, based in San Diego, California; and

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

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

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

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

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

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 Navy Lieutenant Allison Oubre for their great loss and her brave and determined service to her country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Lieutenant Allison Oubre.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE