

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR ADLEY

CONDOLENCES. Extends condolences on the death of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Michael Garcia 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 Army Staff Sergeant Michael Garcia in ground combat in  
4 Operation Enduring Freedom.

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Garcia was a native of Big Spring, Texas, but he and his  
6 family later relocated to Bossier City, Louisiana, and he graduated from Bossier High School  
7 in 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Garcia attended Louisiana Tech in Ruston, Louisiana,  
9 before he enlisted in the United States Army in 2004 and began his military career as an  
10 explosives technician; and

11 WHEREAS, while Staff Sergeant Garcia knew the dangers involved with being an  
12 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician, he trained hard, rose through the ranks, and was  
13 recognized by those he served with as an expert EOD man; and

14 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Garcia was assigned to the 705<sup>th</sup> Explosive Ordnance  
15 Disposal Company at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and was an EOD Team Leader with the unit  
16 when it deployed to Afghanistan; and

17 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Garcia had served two tours of duty in Iraq before he  
18 began his third middle eastern combat deployment as he and his fellow soldiers were

1 assigned to Wardak Province, Afghanistan, to support the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2 Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry; and

3 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Garcia was a seasoned veteran of the war on terrorism,  
4 even though he was still a young man, only twenty-seven years old, as he performed his  
5 dangerous job of disarming explosives and disposing of them; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Garcia and his unit came under attack by enemy  
7 insurgents on July 4, 2011, and was mortally wounded by an improvised explosive device  
8 as a result of the engagement; and

9 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Garcia had been recognized for his bravery and service  
10 in uniform and his awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with V Device for  
11 combat valor, three Purple Hearts, NATO Medal, Army Commendation Medal; three Army  
12 Achievement Medals, Navy Achievement Medal; Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Valorous  
13 Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Citation, two Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense  
14 Service Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Iraq Campaign Medal  
15 with two campaign stars, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Humanitarian Service  
16 Medal, Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, the Combat Action Badge,  
17 Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge, as well as Driver and Mechanic Badges.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
19 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of Staff  
20 Sergeant Michael Garcia for their immeasurable loss and his ultimate sacrifice in the service  
21 of his country.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his  
23 father, David Garcia.

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

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DIGEST

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