

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

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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 Army Specialist Christopher Langley upon his tragic and untimely death, and for his brave and heroic service in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

WHEREAS, Specialist Langley was a native of Pineville, Louisiana, and was a 2004 graduate of Bloomingdale High School in Valrico, Florida; and

WHEREAS, he loved all sports, especially BMX bicycle racing; and

WHEREAS, growing up Specialist Langley was a Boy Scout, and he loved walking to the bakery with his grandmother to get donuts, and when he got older he would visit her often and bring her donuts; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Langley joined the United States Army on February 28, 2008, and completed basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and advanced individual training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in September 2008; and

WHEREAS, he was assigned to the headquarters company of the 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team as a Fire Support Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Langley was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the B Company Military Intelligence, 256th Brigade Special Troops Battalion; and

WHEREAS, being such a courageous and dedicated soldier, Specialist Langley, won many awards and decorations, which include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M device, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and the Louisiana War Cross; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Langley went to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 3, 2010,

while on leave from deployment; and

WHEREAS, before his short time on earth was through he touched many lives, and was loved and respected by all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, he will remain forever in the hearts and minds of his family, friends, and military family; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Langley loved serving in the Army and fighting for his country, and he was nicknamed "Boots" by his fellow soldiers, because he had such big feet; and

WHEREAS, now Specialist Langley will be called "hero" by his fellow soldiers and Americans and he will never be forgotten for his bravery and dedication to our state and nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express a profound sense of loss and heartfelt condolences from a grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army Specialist Christopher Langley.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE