

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BYSENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES . Expresses the condolences of the Louisiana Senate upon the death of Louisiana Army National Guardsman Major Ronald Wayne Culver, Jr., in combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the
3 family of Louisiana Army National Guardsman Major Ronald Wayne Culver, Jr.,
4 upon his death in combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

5 WHEREAS, Major Ronald Wayne Culver Jr., was a native of Shreveport, Louisiana,
6 and the executive officer of the 2nd Squadron, 108th Cavalry, 256th Infantry Brigade Combat
7 Team, based in Shreveport; and

8 WHEREAS, Major Culver was a Louisiana native and a graduate of Louisiana State
9 University-Shreveport, as well as a veteran of twenty-two years in the Army National Guard;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, he was well known to many in north Louisiana through his work with
12 the guard and his going to war with the 1st Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment in Operation
13 Iraqi Freedom during the unit's 2004-2005 combat deployment; and

14 WHEREAS, Major Culver was known by his men as a leader who could be counted
15 on in a crisis when he and his unit were thrown into hurricane relief efforts after hurricanes
16 Katrina and Rita had devastated Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, Major Culver was midway through his second tour in Iraq on Monday,
18 May 24, 2010, when the vehicle he was traveling in near Numaniyah was engaged by enemy

1 forces using an improvised explosive device, and he was mortally wounded; and

2 WHEREAS, Major Culver was known by his fellow soldiers as a good husband, a
3 good father, and a good soldier, and he will be mourned and remembered especially as a
4 good man; and

5 WHEREAS, his successful military career was exemplified by his many decorations
6 and awards, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation
7 Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf clusters, the
8 National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, the
9 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Army Service
10 Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Louisiana War Cross, and the Louisiana
11 Commendation Medal; and

12 WHEREAS, Major Culver will live on in the hearts and minds of those whose lives
13 he touched, but he will be especially missed by his wife, Tracy, and teen-aged children,
14 Michelle Francis and Ronald Wayne III; and

15 WHEREAS, Major Culver will remain a source of undying love and tremendous
16 pride to his parents, Betty and Ronald Wayne Culver Sr., of Shreveport.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby express its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of Louisiana
19 Army National Guard Major Ronald Wayne Culver, Jr., for their immeasurable loss and his
20 outstanding service, and tremendous sacrifice in the United States of America's Global War
21 On Terror.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 family of Major Ronald Wayne Culver, Jr.

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

DIGEST

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