

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY SENATORS MARIONNEAUX, ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, CHABERT, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CLAITOR, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, ERDEY, GAUTREAUX, GUILLORY, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, PERRY, PETERSON, QUINN, RISER, SHAW, SMITH, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH AND WILLARD-LEWIS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Major Culver was midway through his second tour in Iraq on Monday, May 24, 2010, when the vehicle he was traveling in near Numaniyah was engaged by enemy forces using an improvised explosive device, and he was mortally wounded; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE