

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of Louisiana Army National Guard Sergeant Michael Norbert Perry Jr. upon his death while in the service of his country.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Perry was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Slidell, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Louisiana Army National Guard and assigned to the 2225th Multi-Role Bridge Company in Marrero; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2012, at the age of 38, Sergeant Perry was training in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan with his unit; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Perry was mortally injured in a tragic training accident that occurred as he was readying himself for the overseas combat tour he would soon undertake in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Sergeant Perry leaves his children, Alexis and Gage, without the love and affection they had always received from their father and without the many lessons he had left to teach them; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Perry will also be deeply missed by his fiancée, Jill Cunningham Marion, with whom he had planned a life together and that now will remain only as a memory of what might have been; and

WHEREAS, the death of Sergeant Perry also leaves an empty feeling inside the hearts of his parents, Judith and Michael Sr., as well as his sisters, Jamie and Amanda, and his brother, Jason; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Perry was buried July 17, 2012, with full military honors in the Biloxi National Cemetery, surrounded by family, friends, fellow soldiers, and those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Perry's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Humanitarian Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Louisiana Emergency Service Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters, and the Texas Medal of Merit, as well as rifle badges for marksmanship.

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 Louisiana Army National Guard Sergeant Michael Norbert Perry upon his death while in the service of his country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby recognizes the immeasurable loss that Sergeant Perry's loved ones must endure and the total sacrifice he made in the service of his country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Michael Norbert Perry Jr.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE