

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Louisiana Army National Guard Sergeant Matthew Allen Roberts while in the service of his country.

WHEREAS, it is with deepest regret and profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death of Sergeant Matthew Allen Roberts; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Roberts was a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a graduate of Woodlawn High School; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted in the military and was a member of the Louisiana National Guard's Company C, 1088th Engineer Battalion, 256th Infantry Brigade, where he served with courage and dedication; and

WHEREAS, while Sergeant Roberts loved his parents, siblings, and many family members and friends, he also loved his country, displaying a total dedication to this nation at a time when enemies around the world had sworn to harm America and extinguish the bright light of freedom that America carries in a dark, dangerous, and threatening world; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Roberts served his state and country with bravery while deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Roberts was thirty years old when he tragically and unexpectedly passed away November 28, 2005, at Fort Sill United States Army Base in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Sergeant Roberts was almost more than his family and friends could endure, their ultimate sacrifice for their country made citizens from around Louisiana rally in support of the National Guard's gallant efforts in the war on terror and the liberation of Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Roberts will forever be remembered by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers as a truly dedicated leader; his sacrifice serves as a reminder that freedom is never free, and Americans sometimes must fight to protect the precious liberties its citizens now enjoy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its most sincere and profound condolences to the family of Louisiana Army National Guard Sergeant Matthew Allen Roberts for their immeasurable loss and for his brave service in the global war on terrorism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Matthew Allen Roberts.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE