

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 164

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Specialist Duke Gilmore.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the
3 family of United States Army Specialist Duke Gilmore upon his death while serving
4 his country as a member of its armed forces.

5 WHEREAS, Duke Gilmore was born on a Veteran's Day, November 11, 1983, in
6 Monroe, Louisiana, and was a native of Bastrop, Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, he was the son of Mike and Bonnie Gilmore; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a devoted child of God, a loving son, and an All American
9 patriot; and

10 WHEREAS, Spc. Gilmore joined the National Guard and became a citizen warrior
11 fulfilling a lifelong dream as a member of the Mississippi National Guard, 1-98 CAV; and

12 WHEREAS, as a cavalier scout he was trained to engage the enemy with anti-armor
13 weapons and scout vehicles in the field, track and report enemy movement and activities,
14 and direct the employment of various weapon systems onto the enemy; and

15 WHEREAS, these specialized skills enabled Spc. Gilmore to assist with observation
16 and listening posts, perform and help with navigation, and help secure and transport
17 ammunition; and

18 WHEREAS, as a cavalier scout, Spc. Gilmore lead, served, and assisted as a member

1 of a scout crew in reconnaissance, security, and other combat operations; and

2 WHEREAS, the United States Army has seven core values which are Loyalty, Duty,
3 Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage; and

4 WHEREAS, during his service, Spc. Gilmore exemplified the seven Army core
5 values and was the perfect example of Army Pride; and

6 WHEREAS, Spc. Gilmore exhibited leadership attributes and was an expert military
7 tactician; and

8 WHEREAS, he was normally soft-spoken, his tone was apt to change in intensity
9 when he spoke of commitment to his family and country; and

10 WHEREAS, he and his dad would often talk about the check that Duke had signed
11 upon enlistment as his dad would advise that, "A veteran – whether active duty, retired, or
12 National Guard or Reserve – is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check
13 made payable to the United States of America for an amount of up to, and including, their
14 life"; and

15 WHEREAS, Spc. Gilmore, being always ready to serve his country, had a
16 deployment date set for June 1, 2019; and

17 WHEREAS, Spc. Gilmore lost his life during an Army training exercise on Saturday,
18 May 12, 2018, at Fort Bliss, Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, the Bastrop and Morehouse Chamber and members of the Patriot Guard
20 lined the streets with American Flags as a way of honoring the life of Spc. Gilmore; and

21 WHEREAS, Spc. Gilmore was interred at Memorial Park Cemetery of Bastrop with
22 full military honors on behalf of a grateful nation; and

23 WHEREAS, Spc. Gilmore is survived by his parents, Mike and Bonnie Gilmore, and
24 his sister, Storm Marie Vance.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
26 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of United States
27 Army Specialist Duke Gilmore for their immeasurable loss and wish to recognize him for
28 his service and for the great sacrifices he made on behalf of his country.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
30 family of U.S. Army Specialist Duke Gilmore.

