

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of United States Army Private First Class Nicholas Clayton.

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 Private First Class Nicholas James Clayton upon his
4 death on active duty.

5 WHEREAS, Nicholas James Clayton was a native of Crowley, Louisiana, and later
6 moved to Youngsville, Louisiana, where he was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church
7 and served as an altar boy; and

8 WHEREAS, Nicholas would later move again, this time to Florida and later to
9 Georgia as he worked in the construction industry and specialized in roofing work for the
10 next few years; and

11 WHEREAS, Nicholas eventually moved back to Louisiana where he worked in the
12 oil fields and other jobs as he tried to determine what his true profession would be some day;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, at the end of 2007, Nicholas reached a thoughtfully considered decision
15 to join the United States Army and pursue training and a military career in the field of
16 medicine; and

17 WHEREAS, Nicholas made the journey to Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma, on April
18 28, 2008, to begin his basic combat training, and after six, grueling weeks, successfully

1 completed his initial training; and

2 WHEREAS, Nicholas headed south to begin his advanced individual training in
3 medicine at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, where he distinguished himself while
4 successfully completing his Emergency Medical Technician licensure exam and earning his
5 army medical badge; and

6 WHEREAS, Nicholas was soon promoted to Private First Class and stationed at Fort
7 Lewis in Tacoma, Washington, and by Thanksgiving 2008, he and his fellow soldiers had
8 received orders to report to Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, PFC Clayton had reached the Middle East by early, 2009, and spent the
10 next six months serving bravely as a medic in the combat zone before he became eligible for
11 leave time to visit home in October 2009; and

12 WHEREAS, PFC Clayton decided to spend part of his leave time visiting an old
13 friend who lived in California and was enjoying that visit when he was tragically killed in
14 an automobile accident on October 1, 2009; and

15 WHEREAS, while PFC Clayton's death was a terrible shock for his family and
16 friends, it was also a great comfort to them to know that he had made a profession of faith
17 on January 12, 2008, and received the Lord into his heart; and

18 WHEREAS, while PFC Clayton will be greatly missed by all who knew, loved and
19 served with him, everyone felt that the brief period Nicholas was granted was filled with
20 great love and fond remembrances.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of United States
23 Army Private First Class Nicholas James Clayton for their great sacrifice and his brave
24 service to his country.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 family of PFC Nicholas James Clayton.

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

DIGEST

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