

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

BY SENATOR MILLS

COMMENDATIONS. Honors the memory of Larry Lancon, a decorated fallen soldier of the Vietnam War.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To honor the memory of Specialist Fourth Class Larry Joseph Lancon, a Louisiana native
3 killed in action in the Republic of Vietnam and in whose honor the medical troop
4 clinic at Fort Polk, Louisiana, will be renamed.

5 WHEREAS, the community hospital at Fort Polk will be named the "Lancon Soldier
6 Centered Medical Home" at a special memorialization ceremony on April 26, 2019; and

7 WHEREAS, the renaming is in honor of Specialist Fourth Class Larry Joseph
8 Lancon, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Eighth Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry
9 Division who died in combat in the Republic of Vietnam on April 24, 1970, at the age of
10 nineteen; and

11 WHEREAS, SP4 Lancon was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for
12 extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an
13 armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam in 1970; and

14 WHEREAS, Larry Lancon, a medic, distinguished himself during combat operations
15 in Phuoc Long Province as he was accompanying a friendly force up a steep, densely
16 vegetated hill when the lead element came under intense volley of fire from a
17 well-entrenched enemy force; and

18 WHEREAS, while under enemy fire, SP4 Lancon skillfully applied first aid to a

1 soldier's wounds and assisted him to a rear position; and

2 WHEREAS, SP4 Lancon then returned to the forward area of contact to treat
3 additional comrades who had been seriously wounded, and despite being seriously wounded
4 himself by enemy fire as he treated the casualties, SP4 Lancon continued to treat his
5 comrades and assist them to safety until he collapsed; and

6 WHEREAS, Larry Lancon died of the wounds he suffered that day, April 24, 1970;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the heroic deeds that day in 1970 by Larry Lancon became the ultimate
9 sacrifice; he gave his life that his comrades might live, and it is because of this courageous
10 sacrifice and similar sacrifices throughout American history that the freedoms that
11 Americans enjoy every day are ensured; and

12 WHEREAS, Larry Lancon grew up in New Iberia, Louisiana, where his father,
13 Stanley Lancon Sr., was on the New Iberia police force in the 1960s and 1970s, and SP4
14 Lancon graduated from New Iberia Senior High School before entering military service; and

15 WHEREAS, it is completely fitting that a medical facility on a United States Army
16 post be named for a fallen hero and this will be the second facility at Fort Polk that is named
17 for a fallen soldier; and

18 WHEREAS, how a country commemorates its heroes, especially those who are killed
19 in action, says a great deal about the collective values of that country, and to honor a heroic
20 medic who died because he was saving the lives of others by naming a medical facility in
21 his honor bespeaks a country that honors those who have sacrificed for the defense of the
22 many freedoms that citizens enjoy; that is the legacy of SP4 Larry Lancon and his sacrifice
23 will be forever noted by the medical facility that bears his name.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
25 does hereby honor the memory of Specialist Fourth Class Larry Joseph Lancon,
26 Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Eighth Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division
27 in acknowledging the renaming of the Lancon Soldier Centered Medical Home at Fort Polk,
28 Louisiana, in his honor.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30 Mr. Robbie LeBlanc, high school classmate and friend of Larry Joseph Lancon.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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