

1 path towards helicopter aviation; he advanced to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 2 in
2 1997, Chief Warrant Officer 3 in 2007, and Chief Warrant Officer 4 on December 7, 2013;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, throughout his prominent military career, Chief Warrant Officer 4
5 Strother logged over two thousand four hundred flight hours, which included over seven
6 hundred combat hours; he was deployed in Iraq for a year and in support of Operation Joint
7 Guardian (KFOR) in Kosovo; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Strother served in the Louisiana Army National
9 Guard with great courage and valor as evidenced by his receipt of numerous awards and
10 decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, the Army
11 Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the National
12 Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with
13 Campaign Star, the Louisiana General Excellence Ribbon, and the Combat Badge and
14 Master Aviator Badge; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Strother left an indelible mark on his family,
16 friends, community, and the state of Louisiana; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Strother's passion for his country and
18 community will forever remain in the hearts and minds of his loving wife of twenty years,
19 Melissa Rachal Strother; his son, George David "DJ" Strother, II; his daughter, Chelsie
20 Rachal; his mother; his brother, Bob Strother; his sister, Elizabeth Denell Wolf; and many
21 other family members, nieces, and nephews; and

22 WHEREAS, the sacrifices made by the great men and women who protect and
23 defend the United States and its citizens must always be acknowledged by those who are left
24 behind to honor their memory; and

25 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana records for
26 posterity the extraordinary dedication and commitment to his country that Chief Warrant
27 Officer 4 Strother displayed throughout his life and in the performance of his military
28 service.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30 express its condolences and most heartfelt sorrow to the family of Chief Warrant Officer 4

1 George David Strother and does hereby acknowledge and record for posterity the unique and
2 special contributions of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Strother to the city of Alexandria, to the
3 state of Louisiana, and to the United States of America.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
5 to the family of Chief Warrant Officer 4 George David Strother.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature upon the death of Chief Warrant Officer 4 George David Strother.