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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY SENATOR ADLEY

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences of the Louisiana Senate upon the death of United States Army Private First Class Bailey Jerome Swaggart.

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 Bailey Jerome Swaggart upon his
4	death.
5	WHEREAS, United States Army PFC Bailey Jerome Swaggart was a native of
6	Monroe, Louisiana; and
7	WHEREAS, PFC Swaggart joined the U.S. Army in 2013, as an infantryman and
8	took his training at Fort Benning, Georgia; and
9	WHEREAS, PFC Swaggart was stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was a
10	member of 1st Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 77th Armored Regiment, 4th
11	Brigade, 1st Armored Division; and
12	WHEREAS, PFC Swaggart was deployed with his unit to Kenya, in East Africa, in
13	support of the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa and had been in the country only
14	since January; and
15	WHEREAS, he and the soldiers of his unit were assigned to the Manda Bay Naval
16	Base when he received his mission orders on February 19, 2015, to guard a nearby air strip,
17	and it was during this mission that PFC Swaggart left the Humvee he was riding in to
18	investigate a small brush fire; and

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1	WHEREAS, PFC Swaggart was bitten by one of Africa's highly venomous snakes
2	such as a puff adder, a cobra, a viper or a black mamba, which are some of the largest and
3	most venomous snakes on earth; and
4	WHEREAS, PFC Swaggart's leg showed signs of fang marks and a subsequent
5	autopsy confirmed that snake venom was the cause of death for the twenty-five-year-old
6	Louisiana soldier; and
7	WHEREAS, PFC Swaggart was the only United States soldier to die during his unit's
8	deployment to Kenya as the Regionally Aligned Brigade for Africa; and
9	WHEREAS, his loss has been devastating to his family, friends, and fellow soldiers
10	as they all try to make some sense of the incident; and
11	WHEREAS, PFC Swaggart served his country with courage and dedication and was
12	well liked by the people he served with and his awards and decorations include the National
13	Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15	does hereby extend its most sincere and profound condolences to the family of United States
16	Army Private First Class Bailey Jerome Swaggart for their unmeasurable loss and his brave
17	and dedicated service to his country.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19	family of United States Army Private First Class Bailey Jerome Swaggart.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

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