

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 61

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A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Marine Corps Sergeant Michael Guillory upon his death in Operation Enduring Freedom.

WHEREAS, Michael Guillory was a native of Pearl River, Louisiana, graduating from Pearl River High School in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Michael Guillory, guided by his deep love of his country and feeling a strong need to serve in his nation's armed forces, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory willingly endured the daunting training it takes to become a Marine, learning and sharpening his skills as he successfully completed the rigorous requirements to become a combat engineer; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory served with great dedication with the engineers and in 2007, he began to train to transfer to the elite reconnaissance community of the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory successfully completed the tough selection and training process necessary to become a member of the special operations command and with great pride and satisfaction he became a scout of the 1st Recon Battalion, based in Camp Pendleton, California; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory continued to push himself physically and mentally as he trained to be a critical skills operator with the Special Operations Battalion of the Marine Special Operation Command; and

WHEREAS, he served the Marine Corps and his country bravely for nine years as he completed multiple combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan, racking up six tours in the war zones; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory's unique leadership skills and talents were recognized by his superiors and he was rewarded with promotions in rank and his assignments as a team leader and as an assistant element leader; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory loved being a Marine Special Operator but he was also very proud of his work training Afghan forces and his mission of rebuilding Afghan villages in Helmand Province as part of establishing a village stability operation with food, medicine, and other vital supplies; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory was conducting a combat resupply mission on December 14, 2012, in a remote area of Helmand Province when the vehicle he was aboard overturned and he was mortally wounded; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Guillory and his memory will be forever cherished by his friends, fellow Marines, and especially his parents, Gina and Michael Guillory Sr., and his sisters, Jessica and U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Tiffany Guillory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend its deepest and most sincere condolences to the family of U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Michael Guillory for his sacrifice and service to his country and for their immeasurable loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Michael Guillory.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE