

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY SENATOR ADLEY

CONDOLENCES. Extends condolences upon the death of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Anderson.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the
3 family of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Anderson upon his death while on
4 leave during the Christmas holidays to see his children.

5 WHEREAS, Joseph E. Anderson was a native of Marrero, Louisiana, and a 2000
6 graduate of John Ehret High School; and

7 WHEREAS, he decided that he would enter the Armed Forces when he was twenty,
8 enlisting in the U.S. Army and beginning his training at Fort Benning, Georgia, with the
9 hope that he might be better able to take care of his young family; and

10 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Anderson trained hard and was soon recognized by his
11 superiors as a real leader and a disciplined soldier who could be counted on to complete his
12 mission and take good care of his troops, and was rewarded with promotions and increased
13 responsibilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Anderson was stationed at several posts during his
15 military career, including Fort Hood and Fort Sam Houston, both in Texas, and later on to
16 Fort Bragg in North Carolina; and

17 WHEREAS, one of Staff Sergeant Anderson's proudest moments during his
18 dedicated service was the award of his U.S. Army Airborne Wings in 2005 after successful

1 completion of the Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

2 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Anderson would be sent on three overseas deployments
3 during his brave service for his country; to Kuwait in 2003 and Iraq in 2004 and 2006,
4 proudly following in the tradition-filled footsteps of his grandfathers who both served in the
5 U.S. Army during World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Anderson knew the rigors and dangers of life for a
7 soldier in a combat theater and he was always vigilant and prepared as he performed his
8 duties and tended to the needs of his soldiers; and

9 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Anderson felt great emotion and joy at seeing his three
10 children during the 2013 Christmas holidays in Marrero, Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, the light of his life was always his children, Joseph Jr., Jamal and
12 Morgan who last December were ages 12, 11 and 7 respectively; and

13 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Anderson was only thirty-one, feeling safe and secure
14 visiting his old home town and bringing his children to their grandparents house when he
15 encountered an armed man who shot him and car jacked his vehicle, leaving him mortally
16 wounded.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby extend its deepest condolences to the family of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Joseph
19 E. Anderson for their immeasurable loss and for his service and sacrifice for his country.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 parents of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Anderson.

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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