

1 WHEREAS, on May 16, 1986, Michael J. Jones was commissioned in the United
2 States Army Corps of Engineers; upon completion of the Engineer Officer Basic Course, he
3 was assigned to the 547th Engineer Battalion in Darmstadt, Germany, where he served as
4 a combat engineer platoon leader and as a company executive officer; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1990, he was assigned as the Brigade Assistant S-3 in the 130th
6 Engineer Brigade; two years later, he assumed company command of the 568th Engineer
7 Company in Hanau, Germany, and in May of 1992, he moved the company to Fort Carson,
8 Colorado; and

9 WHEREAS, in April of 1993, Lieutenant Colonel Jones deployed to Somalia in
10 support of Operation Continue Hope; upon his return from deployment, he was reassigned
11 as Project Engineer for the Defense Nuclear Agency in Albuquerque, New Mexico; from
12 November of 1996 until July of 1999, he served as the AC/RC Advisor for the 150th
13 Engineer Battalion; after graduating from the Command and General Staff Officer College,
14 he served as the Executive Officer for the 588th Engineer Battalion and the Assistant
15 Division Engineer for the 4th Infantry Division; and

16 WHEREAS, in April of 2003, he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom;
17 from August of 2003 until June of 2004, Lieutenant Colonel Jones served as the Deputy
18 Eighth United States Army Engineer; Lieutenant Colonel Jones served his country in Kabul,
19 Afghanistan from November of 2005 until June of 2006, as the Deputy, CJ7, for the
20 Combined Forces Command-Afghanistan; and

21 WHEREAS, he served as the Director of the Installation Management Division for
22 the Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia,
23 from August of 2006 until July of 2009; and

24 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Jones served the United States Army with great
25 courage and valor as evidenced by his receipt of numerous medals, some of which include
26 the Bronze Star Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four
27 oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint
28 Service Commendation Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Iraq
29 Campaign Medal with two campaign stars; and

1 WHEREAS, on October 1, 2009, Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Jones retired from
2 the United States Army and immediately began his civilian career with OPM-SANG as the
3 executive officer for the program manager; and

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Retired Jones' passion for his country will forever
5 remain in the minds and hearts of all who knew and loved this brave man; he left an
6 incredible mark on his family, friends, community, the state of Louisiana, and the United
7 States of America.

8 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature of Louisiana records for
9 posterity the extraordinary dedication and commitment to his country that Lieutenant
10 Colonel Retired Michael J. Jones displayed throughout his life and in the performance of his
11 duties in the military service.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 express its condolences and most heartfelt sorrow to the family of Lieutenant Colonel
14 Retired Michael J. Jones and does hereby acknowledge and record for posterity the unique
15 and special contributions of Lieutenant Colonel Retired Jones to the state of Louisiana and
16 to the United States of America.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
18 to the family of Lieutenant Colonel Retired Michael J. Jones.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the legislature upon the death of Lt. Col. Ret. Michael J. Jones, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.