

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVES HONEY, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CAZAYOUX, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MARCHAND, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS BROOME AND SCALISE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Terrell W. Gilmore,

Louisiana Army National Guard, of Baton Rouge, who was killed in action in Iraq.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the legislature have learned of the death of Sergeant Terrell W. Gilmore, who was killed on Sunday, March 30, 2008, at the age of thirty-eight, while serving his country in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore died in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Glen Oaks High School, Sergeant Gilmore enlisted in the Army on June 16, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore was assigned to the Forward Support Company, 769th Engineer Battalion, of the Louisiana Army National Guard and drove more than one thousand miles as a heavy-cargo vehicle operator while conducting convoy missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, also a veteran of Desert Storm, Sergeant Gilmore served on active duty prior to joining the Louisiana Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore is survived by his wife, Billy L. Gilmore; his daughter and son; his father, Truman Gilmore; his mother and stepfather, Nancy and George Lawson; his siblings; and many other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, the death of Sergeant Gilmore leaves an unspeakable emptiness in the hearts of his family members and friends, who may find comfort in the knowledge that he lived his life heroically and according to deeply held principles and that he will continue to be an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Gilmore also will be mourned and sorely missed by those who had the honor of serving with him and who will always remember him as a selfless soldier and a cherished friend; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Sergeant Gilmore upheld the highest traditions of the Louisiana Army National Guard and brought honor to himself, his family, his friends, his state, and this nation; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Terrell W. Gilmore performed his duties in an outstanding fashion, and it is only fitting to pay tribute to him for his extraordinary service and ultimate sacrifice for his country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its most sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Terrell W. Gilmore, Louisiana Army National Guard, of Baton Rouge, does hereby recognize the pride that he will forever bring to his family, his friends, his fellow soldiers, the state of Louisiana, and the United States of America, and does hereby acknowledge with profound gratitude the heroic deeds of this fellow Louisianian who gave his life for the cause of freedom and liberty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Terrell W. Gilmore.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE