

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 58

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROY AND ARMES

A RESOLUTION

To express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Mark Allen Stone,
United States Army, of Buchanan Dam, Texas, who was killed in action in Iraq.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives have learned of the death of Sergeant Mark Allen Stone, who was killed on Monday, April 28, 2008, at the age of twenty-two, while serving his country in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stone died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his forward operating base with indirect fire; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stone was a motor transport operator assigned to F-Company, 94th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) at Fort Polk; and

WHEREAS, after enlisting in the Army in September of 2004, Sergeant Stone completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and advanced individual training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and he was assigned to Fort Polk in October of 2007; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stone served in Afghanistan in 2006 and returned to the Middle East in November of 2007 to serve in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stone's awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the NATO Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stone is survived by his father, Don, his brother, Jason, and other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, the death of Sergeant Stone 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 his legacy will continue to be an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stone 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 Stone upheld the highest traditions of the United States Army and brought honor to himself, his family, his friends, his state, and this nation; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Stone 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 House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its most sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Sergeant Mark Allen Stone, United States Army, of Buchanan Dam, Texas; does hereby recognize the pride that he will forever bring to his family, his friends, his fellow soldiers, the states of Texas and Louisiana, and the United States of America; and does hereby acknowledge with profound gratitude the heroic deeds of this brave gentleman 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 Mark Allen Stone.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES