

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Senate Sergeant-At-Arms David Mayeaux for his brave service and dedication to his country while on active duty with the Louisiana Army National Guard during ground combat operations in Iraq.

WHEREAS, David Mayeaux is a native of Plaquemine, Louisiana, and a graduate of St. Joseph High School; and

WHEREAS, David Mayeaux, holding a deep love for country, state, and community, continued a tradition in his family of military service when he enlisted in the Louisiana Army National Guard in 2003; and

WHEREAS, David Mayeaux continued to train hard and with great determination after his Basic Combat Training, successfully completing the United States Army Infantry School, the United States Army Javelin Gunners Course, and the Army Combat Lifesavers Course; and

WHEREAS, David Mayeaux rose through the enlisted ranks, earning the promotion to Sergeant with his outstanding leadership abilities and his attention to detail as he accomplished his goal of becoming a combat effective Non-Commissioned Officer in the Infantry; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mayeaux and his fellow soldiers in B Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 156<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 256<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, were deployed in September 2004, to Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he served as a rifleman and machine gunner in the most violent and dangerous area at that time, in all of his unit's area of operations; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mayeaux and his unit were tasked with conducting continuous combat operations against a determined and heavily-armed enemy with mounted, dismounted, and air assault missions, as well as joint operations with United States and British Special Forces units; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mayeaux and his unit were attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry and 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Divisions, both legendary fighting forces, as they courageously and successfully conducted over 2,300 combat missions and logged in more than 11,000 hours on patrol in areas teeming with enemy forces; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mayeaux and his unit served with exceptional merit under daily enemy fire, including mortar and rocket attacks, ambushes, roadside bombs, and suicide bombers, ultimately earning the distinction of being the most engaged unit in the entire area of operations, an area they shared with several other first rate Army Battalions; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mayeaux's cool head under fire and sharp ground combat skills earned him the role of Team Leader in his unit, as well as combat awards of the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Medal with Bronze Star, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Overseas Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M-Device, the highly coveted Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Louisiana War Cross, in addition to awards of the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby officially recognize and extend its highest commendations to a beloved Senate family member, Sergeant David Mayeaux for his heroic military service, for representing the best of what America stands for, and bringing great honor upon himself and great pride to those who have shared the privilege of knowing and serving with him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senate Sergeant-At-Arms David Mayeaux.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE