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LOUISIANA SENATE TO HOLD MILITARY FAMILY DAY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH IN HONOR OF LOUISIANA'S FALLEN HEROES

The Louisiana State Senate, organized by Senator Robert M. Marionneaux, Jr. (D-Grosse Tete), will hold its annual Military Family Day on Tuesday, April 27, to honor Louisiana's Fallen Heroes during the legislative session at the State Capitol.

Since 2005, the Louisiana Senate has honored 136 fallen soldiers during Military Family Day, which honors those Louisianians serving in the U.S. military who have sacrificed their lives in defense of our freedoms in Afghanistan and Iraq. This year, 11 fallen heroes will be honored with a Resolution for each, authored and read during session by Senator Marionneaux, and passed by the entire Senate.

The following soldiers will be recognized: Lieutenant Allison Oubre, Specialist First Class Severin Summers, III, Captain John Tinsley, Specialist Bryan Meche, Private First Class Devon Bodenheimer, Private First Class Matthew Wildes, Specialist Michael S. Cote, Jr., Private First Class Nicholas Clayton, Sergeant Randy Morrison, Sergeant Patrick Williamson, and Private First Class Brian Bates.

"We want to make sure that our military families know that we have not forgotten and will never forget the sacrifices made by our fallen heroes, and their families, for the bravery they have shown in defense of our freedoms. It is important that we officially recognize these brave men and women and we will continue to do so until every last one of them is home," Sen. Marionneaux said.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. on the steps of the State Capitol with a balloon release followed by the ceremony during the session in the Senate Chamber at 2:00 p.m. where resolutions for each of the fallen will be read. The families of the fallen soldiers are invited to the State Capitol to be a part of this special day, and all military families are encouraged to attend. The Color Guard of the Louisiana National Guard will present the colors, and the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana will also be included in the program.

For more information or to learn more about the resolutions honoring Louisiana's fallen heroes go to <http://senate.state.la.us/> and click on the Support Our Troops symbol or contact Danielle Doiron at 225-342-1773.

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