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LOUISIANA SENATE TO HOLD MILITARY FAMILY DAY IN HONOR OF LOUISIANA'S FALLEN HEROES ON TUESDAY, May 24th

The Louisiana State Senate will hold its annual Military Family Day on Tuesday, May 24th at 1:00 p.m., to honor Louisiana's Fallen Heroes during the legislative session in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol.

The following Louisiana soldiers will be recognized: Private First Class Nicholas Mathews, Lance Corporal Caleb Genin, Major Ronald Culver, Jr., Specialist Joshua Tomlinson, Private First Class Bryant Haynes, Sergeant Jordan Tuttle, Corporal Joe Wrightsman, Sergeant Joseph Bovia, Specialist Matthew Powell, Specialist Steven Dupont, Lance Corporal Dakota Huse, Staff Sergeant Austin Daniel, Sergeant Micah David, Staff Sergeant Stacey Groves, Specialist Christian Romig, Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon Stone, Specialist Christopher Langley, Staff Sergeant Quadi Hudgins, and Sergeant First Class Lee Kessinger.

These nineteen fallen heroes will each be honored with a resolution, read by Senator Marionneaux and passed by the entire membership during the legislative session. The resolution will be presented to each soldier's family along with a state flag. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Senate Chamber to be immediately followed by a balloon release ceremony on the steps of the State Capitol. The Color Guard of the Louisiana National Guard, who will present the colors, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, military chaplain, and other servicemen and women will also be included in the program. The families of the fallen soldiers and all military families are invited and encouraged to attend.

Military Family Day was started in 2005 by Senator Robert M. Marionneaux, Jr. (D-Grosse Tete) who felt it was important to officially recognize and honor the brave Louisianans and their families for the sacrifices made by them for our state and nation. Since its inception, the Louisiana Senate Military Family Day has honored 148 fallen soldiers from Louisiana serving in the U.S. military who have sacrificed their lives in defense of our freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We want to make sure that our military families know that we have not forgotten and will never forget the sacrifices made by them and the bravery they have shown in defense of our freedoms. We will continue to recognize and honor our soldiers until every last one of them is

home," Sen. Marionneaux said.

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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