



# LOUISIANA SENATE

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## **LOUISIANA SENATE TO HOLD 12<sup>th</sup> MILITARY FAMILY DAY IN HONOR OF LOUISIANA'S FALLEN HEROES ON TUESDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

The Louisiana State Senate will hold its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Family Day to honor Louisiana Fallen Heroes and their families on Tuesday, April 19th, at 1:30 p.m., during the legislative session in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol.

Since the Military Family Day's program inception in 2005, the Senate has honored 217 fallen soldiers from Louisiana serving in the U.S. military for their sacrifice in defense of freedom. This year, six fallen heroes, and a founding member of the Blue Star Mothers will be honored with a resolution, authored and read by Senator Jonathan Perry (R-Kaplan) and passed by the entire membership. Each resolution will be given to the soldier's family along with a state flag. The following will be honored:

- **Blue Star Mother Lynette Miller Bell**
- **PO1 Damon Williams, Navy**
- **Cadet John "Jack" Lindsey, Air Force**
- **SFC Jason Smith, Army**
- **SSG Aaron Rutledge, LA National Guard**
- **SSG Johnny James Kelly, Sr., Air Force**
- **CPL Bryan Lauw, Marines**

"To set aside a day in the Louisiana Senate chamber to recognize our soldiers and their families is the least we can do to honor their service and sacrifice," said Senator Perry, who chairs the Senate Select Committee on Veterans Affairs. "It is a very humbling, but also beautiful, ceremony."

The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber and a balloon release will be held immediately following the program on the steps of the State Capitol. The families of the fallen soldiers and all military families are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information or to learn more about the resolutions honoring Louisiana's fallen heroes go to <http://senate.la.gov> and click on the Support Our Troops symbol or contact Morgan Robertson at 225-342-6270.

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