

Senate Resolution 346

By: Senators Anderson of the 43rd, Harbison of the 15th, Davenport of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Sergeant Lakeia Nicole Stokes for being awarded the Purple Heart Medal of
2 Honor from President Barack Obama on November 29, 2016; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on the brave and dedicated military
4 heroes who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Lakeia Nicole Stokes serves as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
6 liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting her fellow
7 Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Clemson University where she earned distinction and recognition
9 for her tremendous athletic ability in the sport of basketball, Sergeant Stokes later had a brief
10 professional basketball career in Greece and Switzerland and toured in Kuwait with the
11 United States women's basketball team; and

12 WHEREAS, while on deployment in Afghanistan, Sergeant Stokes was injured by a suicide
13 bomber attack and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal of Honor and was presented with
14 a presidential coin from President Barack Obama while in recovery; and

15 WHEREAS, currently a human resources specialist for the United States Army, Sergeant
16 Stokes gives inspiration and encouragement to many through her high ideals, morals, and
17 deep concern for her fellow citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
19 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, Sergeant Stokes has served with honor and
20 distinction with the United States Army, and her vision and unyielding commitment have set
21 the standard for public service; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
23 distinguished individual be appropriately recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize Sergeant Lakeia Nicole Stokes for her bravery she demonstrated during her service
26 and for being awarded the Purple Heart Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama on
27 November 29, 2016.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Sergeant Lakeia
30 Nicole Stokes.