

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 46

In Memory  
of  
Dustin Sekula

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Edinburg in mourning the tragic loss of Dustin Sekula, who died on April 1, 2004, at the age of 18 while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Dustin Sekula was the son of Dan and Lisa Sekula; he excelled academically at Edinburg North High School, where he had the highest grades of any student when he graduated in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, He was awarded an agriculture scholarship to attend college, but he turned it down to join the United States Marine Corps; he was assigned to Operation Iraqi Freedom as a member of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, and he was serving in the Al Anbar province of Iraq at the time of his death; and

**WHEREAS**, Dustin was noted for his many talents in farming and ranching; he had a special place in his heart for roping steers, and he worked hard to excel at this skill by spending his lunch period at school practicing roping; Dustin was an active member of the Future Farmers of America; and

**WHEREAS**, A devout Christian throughout his life, he was a member of the Trinity Worship Center in Pharr, Texas, where he was particularly active in the children's church program; and

**WHEREAS**, A personable, conscientious, and successful young man, Dustin was admired and respected by people of all ages in his community; and

**WHEREAS**, Dustin Sekula lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted son and brother, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dustin Sekula: his parents, Dan and Lisa Sekula; his sister, Danielle; and his brother, Derek; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy

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from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dustin Sekula.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2004, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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