

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 601

In Memory
of
George A. Fernandez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the tragic loss of Master Sergeant George A. Fernandez, who died April 2, 2003, at the age of 36; and

WHEREAS, George Fernandez was born in El Paso in 1966 to Robert A. Fernandez and Betty Lou Knoch; he attended Eastwood High School and received an associate degree from Texas Tech University in 2001; and

WHEREAS, A young man with a proud family tradition of military service, George joined the United States Army as an infantryman in 1992; after completing training, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia; a member of the 75th Ranger Regiment for more than 10 years, he was promoted to positions of increasing responsibility, from Ranger team leader to platoon sergeant; at the time of his death, he was a master sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Fernandez was assigned to the Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in November of 2002; he was part of ongoing special high-risk and secret missions in Northern Iraq; and

WHEREAS, It was while serving his country in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom that Master Sergeant Fernandez lost his life; and

WHEREAS, A brave soldier and a true American hero who took great pride in his military service, George Fernandez was also a devoted husband and father, 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of George A. Fernandez; 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 from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Master Sergeant George A. Fernandez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate