

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

In Memory
of
Rafael A. Carrillo, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of United States Army Specialist Rafael A. "TJ" Carrillo, Jr., who died June 28, 2005, at the age 21, while serving his country during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, The spirit and courage of a young man who had found his direction in life showed itself in the way he lived that life, in the way he brought humor and joy to the people around him, and in the way he served his country as an American hero; and

WHEREAS, TJ was a graduate of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch High School; upon joining the army, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; this courageous young soldier was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq with the Desert Rogues; he was killed when his vehicle was hit by mortar fire in Baghdad; and

WHEREAS, TJ earned his Combat Infantryman's Badge at the age of 19 and was with the first division to arrive in Baghdad in the early days of the war in Iraq; he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men and women whose love for their country inspires them to take up military service; their patriotism serves as an inspiration to all, and their sacrifice is never to be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, TJ Carrillo was beloved by his fellow soldiers and was a devoted son, brother, and grandson, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Rafael A. "TJ" Carrillo, Jr.: his mother and stepfather, Amy and Jess Tippie; his father, Tony Carrillo; his sister, Julia Carrillo; his stepbrother, Brice Tippie; his grandparents, James and Gail White; and his great-grandmother, Edna Chisum; 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 TJ Carrillo.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 20, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate