

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

In Memory
of
Jose Alfredo Velez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Corporal Jose Alfredo Velez, of the United States Army, who died November 13, 2004, at the age of 23, while serving his country in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Jose Velez was born in Lubbock on October 21, 1981; he graduated with honors from Estacado High School, where he was active in football, track, wrestling, and power lifting; he received training as an emergency medical technician and was certified by the City of Lubbock as a lifeguard; and

WHEREAS, When Jose joined the army in August, 2000, he embarked on a journey that took him from saving lives on a small scale for the City of Lubbock to that of saving lives on a much larger scale in the United States Army; he was assigned to Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division; and

WHEREAS, Jose was killed in action in Fallujah; he had received the Combat Infantry Badge, one of the most prestigious honors awarded an infantryman for ground combat, in May of 2004, and he was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Velez was an honorable and courageous patriot who died fighting on behalf of his country; for his service and his sacrifice, this state and this nation are eternally grateful; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, son, brother, and grandson, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Jose Alfredo Velez and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family: his wife, Nickie; his parents, Roy and Carmen Velez and Willie and Rosie Janssen; his brothers, Private First Class Andrew Velez, Drill Sergeant Jose Ancira, Jr., Eric Janssen, and Raymond Janssen; his sisters, Monica Velez, Melissa Ancira, Kristy Perez, Priscilla Inguanza, and Lorin Janssen; and his grandparents, Rogelio and Ruby Velez and Celia Robles; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for 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 Jose Alfredo Velez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2006, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate