

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

In Memory
of
Wesley Joel Canning

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Friendswood in mourning the loss of Lance Corporal Wesley Joel Canning, who died November 10, 2004, at the age of 21, while serving the United States of America in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Wesley Canning was assigned to the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force; he was first deployed to Iraq during the initial invasion of Baghdad, returning to the United States almost five months later; and

WHEREAS, This courageous soldier was deployed for a second tour of duty in Iraq on September 11, 2004; he was killed in enemy action in the Al Anbar province of Iraq during the drive on Fallujah and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Even prior to his graduation from Friendswood High School in 2002, Wesley dreamed of becoming a United States Marine and serving his country; he also hoped to retire from the Marines after a long and distinguished career and serve as a law enforcement officer in order to continue to protect the country he deeply loved; and

WHEREAS, Wesley will long be remembered for his courage, integrity, and idealism, and the Texas Senate is honored to pay tribute to his life; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Wesley Joel Canning was a devoted husband, 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, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Lance Corporal Wesley Joel Canning: his wife, Chayla; his parents, Joe and JoEllen Canning; his brother, Russell; his sisters, Anna, Liz, and Amanda; and his many other beloved relatives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the family of Lance Corporal Wesley Joel Canning as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wesley Joel Canning.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 10, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate