

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181

In Memory
of
Joseph E. Rodriguez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of United States Army Staff Sergeant Joseph E. Rodriguez, who died January 28, 2005, at the age of 25; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Rodriguez died while courageously serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom; deployed to Iraq in March, 2004, Joseph was a squadron leader with the 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry, based at Fort Hood, Texas; he was serving in Baghdad when his convoy was ambushed by insurgents; and

WHEREAS, Joseph lived most of his childhood with his mother in New Mexico and spent summers with his father in Brownsville; he played high school football and rugby; and

WHEREAS, Since he was a child, Joseph wanted to serve in the military; he was proud of his father for having served two tours of duty in Vietnam, and he wanted to make a difference in the world; he believed strongly in the war in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, With his future career in mind, Joseph planned to attend warrant officer school and train to be a pilot; he was recently nominated for a Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Joseph was a brave soldier who fought on behalf of his country's ideals and goals; he believed in the right of others throughout the world to be free; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Rodriguez was a devoted husband, father, and son, 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 Joseph E. Rodriguez; 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 Joseph E. Rodriguez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 21, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate