

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 184

In Memory
of
Paul Christopher Alaniz

WHEREAS, The Texas Senate honors and commemorates the life of Marine Captain Paul Christopher "Chris" Alaniz, who died January 26, 2005, at the age of 32; and

WHEREAS, Chris was on his second tour of duty in Iraq and was one of two pilots on a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter that crashed near Ar Rutbah; and

WHEREAS, Chris worked as a substitute teacher at Miller High School in Corpus Christi for two years and entered the service in June of 1996; in April, 2004, he was assigned to the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, California; and

WHEREAS, Flying was a lifelong dream for Chris, and he was proud to serve his country; he was focused, honest, and confident and lived by the Marine Corps' code, doing his job with honor and respect; a man of courage and deep patriotism, he made the ultimate sacrifice for his country; and

WHEREAS, His service awards include the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, three awards of the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, and a Meritorious Unit Commendation; and

WHEREAS, Chris Alaniz lived his life to the fullest and 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 Paul Christopher Alaniz: his wife,
Thelma Alaniz; his 18-month-old daughter, Yvette Alaniz; his
mother, Maria Cynthia Quiroz; his sister, Yvette Musik; and his
brothers, Joseph and Mark Pizano; 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 Marine Captain Paul Christopher Alaniz.

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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