

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1018

In Memory  
of  
Wesley Robert Riggs

**WHEREAS**, Words cannot adequately express the heartache felt at the loss of United States Army Private First Class Wesley Robert Riggs of Beach City, who died in Iraq on May 17, 2005, at the age of 19; and

**WHEREAS**, A member of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, Private Riggs was mortally injured by a roadside bomb while conducting a patrol near Tikrit; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite the dangerous nature of his assignment in Iraq, this brave Texan took great pride in his work and was committed to fulfilling his mission to the very best of his ability; courageous and steadfast, he earned the Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, Private Riggs graduated from Barbers Hill High School in 2003; he enlisted in the armed services in February 2004 and hoped to one day pursue a career in law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, Known for his love of fishing, spending time on the water, and mudding in his Tahoe Z71, he was a member of the Team Houston Olympic weight-lifting team and of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Mont Belvieu; and

**WHEREAS**, Our state and nation are fortunate to have young men and women whose love of country leads them to military duty, and time can never diminish the profound debt that Americans owe to Wesley Robert Riggs for the service he undertook and the sacrifice he rendered; and

**WHEREAS**, The thoughts and prayers of many go out to the family of this beloved young man; he was a soldier of honor and valor, and those who knew and cherished him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Private First Class Wesley Robert Riggs and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: his fiancé, Christina Dew; his parents, Daniel and Vicki Riggs, Gayle McDermott and Roy Chavez, and Robert McDermott; his brothers, Patrick and Kevin McDermott, Daniel Riggs II, and J. William and Justin Kirk; his grandparents, Jared and Helen Riggs, Sally Cobb, Martha and Eddie Barthomley, and Phillip and Connie Sterling; and his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

S.R. No. 1018

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of United States Army Private First Class Wesley Robert Riggs.

Williams

---

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by a rising vote.

---

Secretary of the Senate

---

Member, Texas Senate