

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

In Memory
of
John Paul Barta

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Killeen and Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of United States Army Specialist John Paul Barta, who died December 23, 2006, at the age of 25 while serving his country in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, John Paul Barta was a 2000 graduate of Flour Bluff High School, where he excelled in athletics; he was named an All-Metro player in baseball and an All-South Texas player in baseball and football by the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Barta was a member of the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, based at Fort Hood; a highly trained soldier who was dedicated to his country, he demonstrated unwavering resolve in carrying out his duties; and

WHEREAS, John Paul Barta was known for his thoughtfulness, his kindness, and his genuine concern for others; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his loyalty and dauntless spirit will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, John Paul Barta was a devoted husband, son, and brother, and he leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of John Paul Barta: his wife, Eun Ji; his mother, Laurie Barta; his brothers, Billy Ray and Josh Barta; and his grandparents, Adolph Barta and Jackie and Larry Blake; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 John Paul Barta.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 17, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate