

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 354

In Memory
of
William Lewis Miller

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal William Lewis Miller of Pearland, who died during combat duty in Iraq on November 15, 2004, at the age of 22, served his country with valor and earned the profound appreciation of every American; and

WHEREAS, From the time he was very young, Billy Miller wanted to join the military; he enlisted in the Marines the summer before his senior year at Pearland High School, and in June of 2001, three weeks after receiving his diploma, he left for basic training; and

WHEREAS, His first overseas tour of duty lasted nearly two years and took him to United States Naval Station Rota, in Spain, where he was attached to a Fleet Anti-Terrorist Security Team; before he left Rota he had already earned a reputation as a "salt dog," the Marine term of respect for someone who is highly proficient at his job; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2004, Corporal Miller transferred to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force; he deployed in June of 2004 to Iraq, where he made the ultimate sacrifice while leading a mission in Fallujah, in Al Anbar province; and

WHEREAS, Endowed with an exuberant spirit, an irrepressible smile, and an affectionate, generous heart, Corporal Miller infused the world around him with laughter and joy; he wanted to attend college after returning to civilian life and, characteristically, planned to study psychology or psychiatry so that he could help others; a gifted athlete who played Little League baseball and idolized Nolan Ryan, he also loved fishing and hunting and spending time with his sister's children; and

WHEREAS, In the midst of an arduous struggle, Corporal Miller always sought to be on point, the man in front, and he carried out his duties with unfailing dedication and professionalism; the Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment have had no finer champion, and all who knew and treasured this young Texan will forever remember him with infinite love and gratitude; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Lance Corporal William Lewis Miller and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: his parents, Susie and Lewis Miller; his sister, Sabrina Blankenship,

and her husband, Joe; his half sister, Lisa Miller Story, and her husband, Ken; his grandmother, Gloria H. Bailey; and his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lance Corporal William Lewis Miller.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate