

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 355

In Memory
of
Ryan Adam Miller

WHEREAS, Words cannot express the sorrow felt at the loss of Lance Corporal Ryan Adam Miller of Pearland, who died in Iraq on September 14, 2006, at the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, Born in Houston on October 9, 1986, Corporal Miller attended Pearland High School but completed his secondary education through instruction at home; a proud, third-generation Marine, he enlisted in the corps shortly after his 18th birthday and graduated from boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island on May 13, 2005; seven months later he was promoted to the rank of lance corporal; and

WHEREAS, This courageous young man served with the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force; he deployed to Iraq in March of 2006, and during his tour of duty there he earned the deep admiration and respect of his fellow Marines; Corporal Miller was mortally wounded while patrolling in Barwana, in Al Anbar province; and

WHEREAS, Raised in a loving family, Ryan Miller grew to be a young man toward whom people were naturally drawn, attracted by his unfailing kindness and warmth and his ready sense of humor; an ardent fan of the Houston Astros, he played baseball with the Dad's Club when he was a boy; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Miller was a man of strong faith and a member of Fellowship Bible Church; he planned, after leaving the military, to join the Houston Police Department, where both his parents had built distinguished careers; and

WHEREAS, For his selfless efforts and immeasurable sacrifice, Americans owe to Ryan Miller a debt that the passage of time can never diminish, and those who loved him will forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Lance Corporal Ryan Adam Miller and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: his parents, Frank Miller and Jeannine Maughmer-Miller; his sister, Meghan Miller; his brother, Brandon Miller, and his wife, Leasha; his grandmother, Betty Maughmer; his aunts and uncles, Lyn Swan, Joan and Raymond Goodnight, Michelle and Dexter McKey, Denise Daniels, and Cheryl and Lynn Maughmer; 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 Ryan Adam Miller.

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Averitt	Harris	Shapiro
Brimer	Hegar	Shapleigh
Carona	Hinojosa	Uresti
Deuell	Janek	Van de Putte
Duncan	Lucio	Watson
Ellis	Nelson	Wentworth
Eltife	Nichols	West
Estes	Ogden	Whitmire
Fraser	Patrick	Williams
Gallegos	Seliger	Zaffirini

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