

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 499

In Memory
of
Donald Ralph Walters

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Sergeant Donald Ralph Walters, of Kansas City, Missouri, who died on March 23, 2003, at the age of 33 while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Donald Walters was serving in Iraq with the 507th Army Ordnance Maintenance Company based at Fort Bliss; he and other members of his unit were ambushed by Iraqi forces in Nasiriyah after they stopped to repair stalled vehicles; and

WHEREAS, He grew up in Oregon and joined the United States Army after he graduated from high school in 1988; during the first Gulf War, he guarded captured Iraqi soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Walters was married and had a nine-month-old daughter, Amber, at the time of his death; he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry with marked distinction, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Prisoner of War Medal; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Walters was an honorable soldier whose dedication to duty and loyalty to his country served as an inspiration to others; the State of Texas and our nation are grateful for his outstanding service; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Sergeant Donald Ralph Walters and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant Donald Ralph Walters.

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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 March 19, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate