

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 636

In Memory
of
Gary S. Johnston

WHEREAS, The friends and family of Sergeant Gary S. Johnston of Windthorst suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this valiant young man on January 23, 2007, at the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, Born May 24, 1985, Sergeant Johnston was killed while bravely serving his country during combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq; he was a radio operator with the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force; and

WHEREAS, A 2003 graduate of Windthorst High School, Gary Johnston was known for his friendly, laid-back attitude and for his commitment to meeting the demanding goals he set for himself; he excelled at sports and was an all-state football player, in addition to being named to the all-district football team his senior year; he enjoyed trap shooting and earned many awards for his skills; following graduation, he joined the Marine Corps, fulfilling a long-held dream to pursue a career in the military; and

WHEREAS, He performed his duties with great distinction during his tenure in the Marine Corps, earning promotion to the rank of sergeant and earning the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal, to name but a few; while serving in Mongolia, he was selected to guard President George W. Bush during his visit to the region; despite the dangerous nature of his mission in Iraq, he remained devoted to serving his country

and was intensely proud of the role he was playing in the global war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the United States armed forces, Gary Johnston inspired others through his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know him, memories of this heroic young Texan will remain close to their hearts for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Gary S. Johnston and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family and to his other loved ones; 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 Gary S. Johnston.

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

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 4, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate