

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1098

In Memory
of
Todd Tyler Christmas

WHEREAS, The family and friends of United States Army Captain Todd Tyler Christmas suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this valiant soldier on November 29, 2004, at the age of 26; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Captain Christmas was killed in the crash of a Blackhawk helicopter in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Mexico, Todd Christmas grew up on his family's ranch and as a young man enjoyed hunting, horseback riding, and competing in 4-H; he graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1998, where he ascended to the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel, earning the Commandant's Saber Award and the Joe Govan Memorial Award; after receiving his associate degree, he joined the Texas Army National Guard and studied agricultural economics at Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, Captain Christmas graduated from the Air Defense Officer Basic Course in 2002 and went on to attend the United States Army Airborne School, later serving a tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom; he distinguished himself often during his years of service, earning the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the United States armed forces, Todd Christmas inspired others

with his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the lives of those who were fortunate to know him, they will forever carry memories of this heroic young man 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 Captain Todd Tyler Christmas and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: his wife, Erica Laine Christmas; his parents, Brad and Becky Christmas; his brothers, Matt and Will Christmas; and his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Captain Todd Tyler Christmas.

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Brimer	Hegar	Shapiro
Carona	Hinojosa	Shapleigh
Deuell	Jackson	Uresti
Duncan	Janek	Van de Putte
Ellis	Lucio	Watson
Eltife	Nelson	Wentworth
Estes	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 May 21, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate