

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 149

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Lance Corporal Justin Rokohl for his service to our nation in Afghanistan and for his courage in overcoming severe injuries that has set an enduring example for others to follow; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Rokohl is a 2005 graduate of Orange Grove High School, where he was an active participant in numerous competitive sports; he answered the call to service and joined the United States Marine Corps shortly after his graduation; and

WHEREAS, While serving our nation in Afghanistan, Lance Corporal Rokohl was severely injured when an improvised explosive device blew up the vehicle carrying him and three fellow Marines; thrown 90 feet into the air, he suffered multiple injuries, including eight broken vertebrae; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Rokohl survived eight hours of emergency surgery, during which doctors amputated both of his legs in order to save his life; refusing to give in to his injuries, he fought back, and within five months was again competing in Texas rodeos as a team roper; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Rokohl embodies the valor and dedication to freedom that the members of the United States Marine Corps have shown on behalf of our nation and its democratic ideals, and his bravery and perseverance have set a sterling example for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Lance Corporal Justin Rokohl on his

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courage in the face of adversity and extend to him sincere gratitude for his service to our nation and best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hinojosa, Uresti

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 9, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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