

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing Master Sergeant Richard Ruffert on the occasion of Wounded Warrior Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Ruffert is a retired disabled combat veteran who served his country with distinction for over 22 years in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, He is now a peer mentor for other veterans, both statewide and nationwide, and he is working on a master of divinity degree at Texas Christian University; and

WHEREAS, A native of Indiana, Richard enlisted in the army in 1982 and went on to serve in leadership positions from squad leader to first sergeant throughout the United States and overseas; his service around the world included postings in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, A highly decorated soldier, Sergeant Ruffert received numerous awards for his outstanding service, including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star, which he was awarded twice; and

WHEREAS, Wounded Warrior Day at the State Capitol is an opportunity to pay tribute to Sergeant Ruffert for the valor and dedication to duty he exhibited while serving his country and to extend to him deepest gratitude for his steadfast patriotism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Master Sergeant Richard Ruffert on his outstanding service in the United States Army and on his many sacrifices on behalf of his nation; and, be it further

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

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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 January 24, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate