

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 652

In Memory
of
Colton Wesley Rusk

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Private First Class Colton Wesley Rusk, who died December 6, 2010, at the age of 20 while serving his country in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Colton Wesley Rusk was born September 23, 1990, in Corpus Christi; he was a 2009 graduate of Orange Grove High School, where he was elected by his fellow students as Mr. Orange Grove High School and earned all-district honors in football and baseball; and

WHEREAS, Colton fulfilled a longtime dream when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps; he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, as an improvised explosive device dog handler; he and his dog, Eli, played a vital role in securing the safety of his fellow Marines in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, A young man of courage, strength, and determination, he gave generously to others, and his radiant smile and enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted son, brother, and grandson, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and his many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Colton Wesley Rusk; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate.

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Birdwell	Harris	Seliger
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Davis	Huffman	Uresti
Deuell	Jackson	Van de Putte
Duncan	Lucio	Watson
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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 29, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate