

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 876

In Memory
of
John Paul Castro

WHEREAS, The friends and family of United States Army Sergeant John Paul Castro suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this valiant soldier on April 22, 2011, at the age of 25; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Sergeant Castro was mortally wounded while bravely supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Paktika Province in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Born in Andrews on January 20, 1986, John Paul Castro was the son of David Castro, Sr., and Carmen Armendariz Castro; he played tuba in the band at Andrews High School and excelled at baseball, bringing home numerous trophies; after his graduation in 2004, he enlisted in the army with his best friend and headed off to boot camp the next month; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Castro was posted to Fort Campbell in Kentucky in January of 2006 and served two tours of duty in Iraq, where he was twice awarded the Purple Heart; among numerous decorations, he also received the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with Valor device, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, and Combat Infantryman Badge; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his loved ones, Sergeant Castro shared a rewarding relationship with his wife, Delia, and took great pride in his daughter, Natalia, and stepson, Kamren Shaw Buchholz; he gallantly expressed his love for his mother by turning up at her workplace in uniform and with a dozen roses as soon as he got home on breaks, and he enjoyed eating the Mexican food she prepared for him and spending time with his extended family, whether simply relaxing or helping with a difficult task; and

WHEREAS, John Paul Castro was unwavering in his courage and dedication to duty and honor; he embodied the highest ideals of the United States armed forces, and his fellow citizens owe him a debt of gratitude that the passage of time can never diminish; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of United States Army Sergeant John Paul Castro and extend condolences to his bereaved family: his wife, Delia Butas Castro; his daughter, Natalia

Marie Castro; his stepson, Kamren Shaw Buchholz; his mother, Carmen Castro; his father, David Castro, Sr.; his sister, Blanca Castro Thakker; his brother, David Castro, Jr.; and his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Castro.

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Birdwell	Harris	Rodriguez
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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 April 29, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate