

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 898

**In Memory
of
Francis Gene Phillips IV**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of United States Army Staff Sergeant Francis Gene Phillips IV, who died in the line of duty on May 4, 2013, at the age of 28, while serving the nation in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Francis Phillips was born August 18, 1984, in Oceanside, California; he enlisted in the military in 2004 and was deployed three times to Iraq and Afghanistan; after completing Ranger School in 2011, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, based at Fort Bliss, and he was selected as a team leader in the reconnaissance platoon; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Phillips was serving his fourth overseas combat deployment when he gave his last full measure of devotion in the service of his country; among the awards and commendations he received were the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal with Valor; and

WHEREAS, A true American hero, Sergeant Phillips has joined the long line of brave men and women who have defended our nation's security, safety, and democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and integrity, he gave unselfishly to others, and his devotion to duty and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, He was a loving husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of United States Army Staff Sergeant Francis Gene Phillips IV; 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, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Staff Sergeant Francis Gene Phillips IV.

Rodriguez, Van de Putte

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Campbell	Hancock	Schwertner
Carona	Hegar	Seliger
Davis	Hinojosa	Taylor
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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 May 14, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate