

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 942

In Memory  
of  
Andrew Michael Pedersen-Keel

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of United States Army Captain Andrew Michael Pedersen-Keel, who died in the line of duty March 11, 2013, at the age of 28 while serving his country in Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Pedersen-Keel was born June 8, 1984, in South Miami, Florida; he earned a degree in American legal studies from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2006, and he entered active duty military service as an Infantry Rifle Platoon leader with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, at Fort Hood; and

**WHEREAS**, He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and served for 12 months; during that time, he led his platoon on more than 150 combat foot patrols and three air assault operations and was promoted to captain; upon his return, he volunteered for and completed the Special Forces Assessment and Selection Course and was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group as a detachment commander in August of 2012; he was deployed with the unit to Afghanistan, and he was involved with training the Afghan Army at the time of his death; and

**WHEREAS**, His many commendations and citations included two Bronze Stars, the Army Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal; he was posthumously awarded a third Bronze Star and a Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, A young man of courage and strength, he had a profound influence on the soldiers with whom he served, and his

spirit continues to live on in the hearts and minds of those who fought beside him; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of his ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror, Captain Pedersen-Keel is being posthumously honored at a Joint Memorial Day Ceremony in the Texas House of Representatives on May 23, 2015; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Captain Andrew Michael Pedersen-Keel; 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 Andrew Michael Pedersen-Keel.

Watson

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Birdwell	Hancock	Rodríguez
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Patrick, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 21, 2015, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate