



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Sen. Farley and NYS Senate Mourns the Death of Wilton Soldier in June 25th Session

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Below is the New York State Resolution Senator Farley helped introduce into Session on June 25th in regards of Private First Class David Taylor Miller of Wilton, New York. Senator Farley asks constituents to keep Miller and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

MOURNING the untimely death of Private First Class David Taylor Miller of Wilton, New York, and paying tribute to his courageous actions as a member of the United States Army

WHEREAS, The courage and bravery of our military personnel since the United States Armed Forces commenced Operation Iraqi Freedom will ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and as a defender of liberty for people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably during Operation Enduring Freedom, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body mourns the untimely death of Private First Class David Taylor Miller of Wilton, New York, and pays tribute to his courageous actions as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, PFC David Taylor Miller was killed by a suicide bombing on Monday, June 21, 2010, when he and another soldier were on security check points in the province of Kunar in Afghanistan; always thinking of others, he asked to switch his two week leave to a later date so a fellow soldier could go home and meet his newborn son; and

WHEREAS, This brave soldier, known as "Taylor" to his friends and family, graduated from Saratoga Springs High School in 2009; he had moved to Wilton from his hometown of Amherst, Virginia, during his sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, He was a lineman for the Saratoga Springs Blue Streaks Varsity Football Team for two years; and

WHEREAS, The son of a Marine, PFC David Taylor Miller joined the United States Army right out of high school in July of 2009; he was deployed to Afghanistan in April 2010; and

WHEREAS, PFC David Taylor Miller was deployed to Afghanistan in April of 2010, serving as a designated marksman with the 101st Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his parents, Leslie and Jesse Miller, and his sister, Victoria Ferguson;

and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of PFC David Taylor Miller of Wilton, New York, and to pay tribute to his courageous actions as a member of the United States Army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of PFC David Taylor Miller.