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Governor Bill Richardson Orders Flags Be Flown At Half-Staff To Honor New Mexico Soldier Killed In Afghanistan

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SANTA FE-Governor Bill Richardson today issued an Executive Order directing that flags in New Mexico be flown at half-staff to honor and mourn the death of U.S Army Pfc. Damian Garza. Pfc. Garza was killed August 4th when his vehicle crashed into a river near Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

“Our heartfelt sorrow and gratitude go out to Damian Garza’s family at this difficult time,” said Governor Richardson. “We will always remember the sacrifice he made on behalf of his country.”

Pfc. Garza lived for a time in Clovis and attended school in Portales before moving to Texas. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment based at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was serving a second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Flags should be flown at half-staff through Thursday, August 11th, in honor of Pfc. Garza.

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