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Governor Bill Richardson orders flags to half-staff to honor Lieutenant Jeremy Fresques, Farmington Grad killed in Iraq

SANTA FE -- Governor Bill Richardson today ordered flags to be flown at half-staff from Thursday, June 2, 2005, until sundown on Friday, June 3, 2005 to honor and mourn U.S. Air Force First Lieutenant Jeremy Fresques, of Farmington.

Fresques, a 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force's elite Special Forces unit, was one of four Americans killed in a plane crash in northern Iraq on Memorial Day. Jeremy Fresques also leaves behind a wife, Lindsey Shaw, who is a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

"We honor of First Lieutenant Jeremy Fresques for his bravery, patriotism and his ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom and our way of life. I extend my deepest sympathy and prayers to his family and friends," said Governor Bill Richardson. "Let us pause today to remember Jeremy, and all of our fallen soldiers who have dedicated their lives to serving this country."

Fresques graduated from Farmington High School in 1997 and later enrolled at West Point Air Force Academy. After events on September 11, 2001, he joined the U.S. Air Force Special Forces. He was 26-years old.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2005-030

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF FIRST LIEUTENANT JEREMY FRESQUES

WHEREAS, U.S. Air Force First Lieutenant Jeremy Fresques passed away on Monday, May 30, 2005, in Iraq in a single-engine airplane crash;

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Jeremy Fresques grew up in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School in 1997, where he was an honor roll student and a member of the wrestling team;

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Jeremy Fresques was a member of the U.S. Air Force's Special Forces unit;

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Jeremy Fresques is survived by his wife, Lindsey Shaw; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Jeremy Fresques dedicated his life to serving his country and will be remembered for his bravery and patriotism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Thursday, June 2, 2005, until sundown on Friday, June 3, 2005, in honor and mourning of First Lieutenant Jeremy Fresques. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to his family as well as a heartfelt thank you for his courageous service.

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REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
GREAT SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE

1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2005

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

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