



## **State of New Mexico** *Office of the Governor*

**Bill Richardson**  
Governor

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# **Las Cruces Soldier Jesse M. Zamora Killed in Iraq**

## *Governor Orders Flags at Half Staff*

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today ordered flags to fly at half-staff in honor of Army Specialist Jesse M. Zamora, 22, who died while serving in Iraq. Army Specialist Zamora was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq and was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division

Army Specialist Jesse M. Zamora is survived by his mother and stepfather, Paula and Sergio “Nacho” Gonzales, older brother Tyrel Zamora and sister Christy Zamora.

In honor of Army Specialist Jesse Zamora’s sacrifice, Lt. Governor Diane Denish signed an Executive Order directing that state flags be flown at half-staff from Monday, February 6, 2006, until sundown on Tuesday, February 7, 2006.

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-004**

## **FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF ARMY SPECIALIST JESSE M. ZAMORA**

**WHEREAS**, Army Specialist Jesse M. Zamora, age 22, passed away on Friday, February 3, 2006, while serving a second tour of duty in Iraq;

**WHEREAS**, Army Specialist Jesse M. Zamora, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, graduated from Mayfield High School in 2002, joined the Army later that year and participated in the initial invasion of Iraq in 2003;

**WHEREAS**, Army Specialist Jesse M. Zamora was assigned to the Army's 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 187<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky;

**WHEREAS**, Army Specialist Jesse M. Zamora is survived by his mother and stepfather, Paula and Sergio "Nacho" Gonzales, an older brother Tyrel Zamora and sister Christy Zamora; and

**WHEREAS**, Army Specialist Jesse M. Zamora's patriotism, bravery and dedication to the State of New Mexico will always be remembered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Diane Denish, Acting Governor of the State of New Mexico, pursuant to Article V, Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Monday, February 6, 2006, until sundown on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, in honor and mourning of Army Specialist Jesse M. Zamora. 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.

ATTEST:  
THIS

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2006

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON  
SEAL  
SECRETARY OF STATE

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DIANE DENISH  
ACTING GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO