



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

**Bill Richardson**  
Governor

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## **Governor Richardson Lowers Flags to Half Staff in Honor of Army Corporal Clifford A. Spohn, III**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson ordered flags to fly at half-staff in honor of United States Army Corporal Clifford A. Spohn, III, 21, who lost his life while serving his country in Iraq, on Monday, April 9, 2007.

Cpl. Spohn graduated from Cibola High School and joined the Army in October 2004. He was deployed to Iraq in October, 2006.

Corporal Spohn was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska. Cpl. Spohn is survived by his wife Amanda and daughter Raynee, his parents Clifford A. Spohn, II and Sandra Mae Spohn, along with his siblings, Helen, Daniel, Laura and Shannon Spohn.

In honor of Cpl. Spohn's sacrifice, Governor Richardson signed an Executive Order directing that state flags be flown at half-staff from Thursday, April 19, 2007, until sundown on Friday, April 20, 2007.

The text of the Executive Order follows:

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-015**

#### **FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF CLIFFORD A. SPOHN, III**

**WHEREAS**, United States Army Cpl. Clifford A. Spohn, III, age 21, tragically lost his life while serving in Iraq, on April 9, 2007;

**WHEREAS**, Cpl. Spohn graduated from Cibola High School and joined the Army in October 2004. He was deployed to Iraq in October, 2006.

**WHEREAS**, Cpl. Spohn was assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 509<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska

**WHEREAS**, Cpl. Spohn is survived by his wife Amanda and daughter Raynee, his parents Clifford A. Spohn, II and Sandra Mae Spohn, along with his siblings, Helen, Daniel, Laura and Shannon Spohn.

**WHEREAS**, Cpl. Spohn's patriotism, bravery and dedication to the nation will always be remembered.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Governor Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Thursday, April 19, 2007, until sundown on Friday, April 20, 2007, in honor and mourning of United States Army Cpl. Clifford A. Spohn, III. 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:  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS

MARY HERRERA  
GREAT SEAL  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
MEXICO

DONE AT THE  
18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2007  
WITNESS MY HAND AND THE  
OF THE STATE OF NEW

BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

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