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Governor Richardson Lowers Flags to Half Staff in Honor of Army Specialist Brynn J. Naylor

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson has ordered flags to fly at half-staff in honor of United States Army Specialist Brynn Joel Naylor, 21, who lost his life while serving his country in Baghdad, on December 13th.

Specialist Brynn Naylor was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Start posthumously.

Spc. Naylor was born in Roswell, grew up Texas and moved back to his birth city when he was sixteen. The 2005 Goddard High School graduate excelled at tennis, but passed up scholarships to enlist in the Army soon after graduation. Naylor was wrapping up a 15 month tour in Iraq and was scheduled to come home for Christmas.

Spc. Naylor was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, based at Fort Carson, Colorado.

He is survived by his father, Ross Naylor of Roswell; mother, D'Ann McGuire of Shallowater, Texas; stepfather, Robert McGuire; stepsisters, Mica and Kelsie; and stepbrother, James; and grandparents, Lynn McMennamy, Bob and Sue Naylor.

In honor of Army Specialist Brynn Naylor's sacrifice, Lt. Governor Denish signed an Executive Order directing that flags be flown at half-staff from Thursday, December 20, 2007, until sundown on Friday, December 21, 2007.

The text of the Executive Order follows:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2007-060

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR AND MOURNING OF SPECIALIST BRYNN JOEL NAYLOR

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Brynn Joel Naylor, age 21, tragically lost his life while serving in Iraq, on December 13, 2007;

WHEREAS, Specialist Naylor graduated from Goddard High School in 2005, in Roswell. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado;

WHEREAS, Specialist Naylor is survived by his father, David Ross Naylor, of Roswell and his mother, D'Ann McGuire, of Shallowater, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Naylor's patriotism, bravery and dedication to the nation will always be remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diane D. 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 Thursday, December 20, 2007, until sundown on Friday, December 21, 2007, in honor and mourning of United States Army Specialist Brynn Joel Naylor. 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:

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
18H DAY OF DECEMBER, 2007

MARY HERRERA
SECRETARY OF STATE

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

DIANE D. DENISH
ACTING GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO