



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Army Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Jr., 21 years of age, was born June 6, 1990 in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended Carver High School in Houston, Texas, before moving to Minnesota, where he graduated from Richfield High School in 2008. Interested in electronics, he enjoyed taking apart and reassembling computers; and
WHEREAS: Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Jr. went on to attend Texas Southern University, where he met and began dating Phyllis L. McFarland. The couple married in Colorado on May 5, 2010, and together had a beautiful daughter, Alora; and
WHEREAS: Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Jr. enlisted in the United States Army on June 9, 2010, and was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. On March 22, 2011, he was assigned to Battalion Communications Section Headquarters and Headquarters Company as a Multichannel Transmission System Operator-Maintainer, 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division; and
WHEREAS: Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Jr.'s dedication to his section and the unit's wellbeing, set a standard of communications operations that is matched by few others in his specialty. His eagerness and willingness to continually perform any task put in front of him was exemplary of his relentless dedication to those for whom he provided service; and
WHEREAS: Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Jr. gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and died a hero on Sunday, May 27, 2012, in Chak-E Warkdak District, Afghanistan, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces; and
WHEREAS: Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Jr. has the distinction of earning the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal, and the Combat Action Badge; and
WHEREAS: Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Jr. will be forever remembered and loved by his wife, Phyllis Jacobs; two-year-old daughter, Alora L. Jacobs; mother, Sherry King; father, Kedith L. Jacobs, Sr.; stepfather, Reverend Michael King; brothers, Michael G. King and Christian J. L. King; grandmother, Betty L. Gordon; mother-in-law, Patty McFarland; brother-in-law, Lee C. McFarland; and many other loving relatives and friends; and
WHEREAS: A celebration of Kedith's life will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at Dodd Field Chapel at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, followed by interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery; and
WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Jr. for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of the United States of America with its deepest gratitude, and all thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, in honor and remembrance of Specialist Kedith L. Jacobs, Jr.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 19th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State the one hundred fifty-fourth.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR



Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE