

IN THE SENATE

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION  
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE SENATE, HONORING AND COMMEMORATING SPC. MICHAEL  
3 T. OSORIO AND SGT. FIRST CLASS DUSTIN ARD FOR UNSELFISHLY SERVING OUR  
4 COUNTRY AND FIGHTING FOR OUR FREEDOMS, AND MEMORIALIZING THEIR ULTIMATE  
5 SACRIFICE.

6 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Idaho:

7 WHEREAS, American service members, including many Idahoans and their  
8 family members, have served their country honorably and at great personal  
9 sacrifice in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

10 WHEREAS, two persons with Idaho ties paid the ultimate sacrifice within  
11 the past year; and

12 WHEREAS, Spc. Michael T. Osorio, 20, died April 23, 2019, in Taji, Iraq.  
13 Spc. Osorio was from Horseshoe Bend, Idaho. He was an intelligence analyst  
14 in Fort Carson's 3rd Armored Brigade, part of the 4th Infantry Division; and

15 WHEREAS, Spc. Osorio's dedication to the mission and his unit made him a  
16 valued member of the Iron Brigade; and

17 WHEREAS, Spc. Osorio enlisted in the Army in July 2017 after graduat-  
18 ing with honors from Horseshoe Bend High School and was on his first deploy-  
19 ment. In less than two years in the military, he was decorated with numerous  
20 awards, including the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Army  
21 Achievement Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal. Spc. Osorio loved his  
22 country and would do anything to help others; and

23 WHEREAS, Sgt. First Class Dustin Ard, a Green Beret from the 1st Special  
24 Forces Group, died from wounds sustained during combat operations in Zabul  
25 province, Afghanistan, on August 29, 2019; and

26 WHEREAS, Sgt. First Class Ard, 31, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion,  
27 1st Special Forces Group at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, was born  
28 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and enlisted in Hyde Park, Utah. He leaves behind his  
29 wife, Mary, and two children. Sgt. First Class Ard served for nine years,  
30 becoming a Green Beret; and

31 WHEREAS, Sgt. First Class Ard had served two tours in Afghanistan and  
32 had participated in Joint Combined Exchange Training exercises in Indone-  
33 sia; and

34 WHEREAS, Sgt. First Class Ard's military education includes the Ba-  
35 sic, Advanced, and Senior Leader Courses; U.S. Army Airborne School; the  
36 Military Free Fall Course; the Special Operations Joint Terminal Attack Con-  
37 troller Course; the Special Operations Sensitive Site Exploitation Course;  
38 Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape School; the Korean Special Opera-  
39 tions Language Course; and the Special Forces Qualification Course; and

40 WHEREAS, Sgt. First Class Ard's awards and decorations include the  
41 Bronze Star Medal; the Army Achievement Medal; the Army Good Conduct Medal  
42 (second award); the National Defense Service Medal; the Afghanistan Cam-  
43 paign Medal (Campaign Star); the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; the

1 Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (third award); the  
2 Army Service Ribbon; the NATO Medal; the Army Special Forces Tab; a Combat  
3 Infantry Badge; a Parachutist Badge; and a Military Free Fall Parachutist  
4 Badge; and

5 WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Ard was promoted to Sgt. First Class, August 1,  
6 2019, and was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate, assembled  
8 in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, that we  
9 honor and commemorate Spc. Michael T. Osorio and Sgt. First Class Dustin  
10 Ard for unselfishly serving our country and fighting for our freedoms, and we  
11 memorialize their ultimate sacrifice.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to  
13 send a copy of this concurrent resolution to the immediate families of these  
14 servicemen.