

RESOLUTION 18-43

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF ARMY SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER A. SANDERS

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve in the United States armed forces are to be commended for their heroic service in defense of our country and in the spread of freedom and democracy throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the family of Army Sgt. Christopher Sander has proposed dedicating the pedestrian overpass in the City of Roswell, on North Main adjacent to the east side of the New Mexico Military Institute ("NMMI"); and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Sanders was born on April 30th, 1985 in Roswell, New Mexico, and wanted, from the age of 9 years old, to join NMMI as a cadet; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Sanders graduated high school from NMMI, Class of 2004, and enlisted in the Army in February, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Sanders had intended to attend college and become a military officer, however, the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon persuaded him to join the military as soon as he could; and

WHEREAS, after advanced training, Sgt. Sanders served two tours in Iraq, first from September 2004 to October 2005 with the 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, and then from 2005 until 2008 with the 3rd Squadron, Second Stryker Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, known as the "Wolf Pack"; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Christopher Sanders was tragically killed in action, along with five other soldiers and their interpreter, on January 9th, 2008 in Sinsil, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Christopher Sanders and his fallen comrades will be forever known as the "Sinsil 7"; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished service, Sgt. Sanders received following medals; Bronze Star with Valor, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Metal 1st award, Army Commendation Medal 2nd award, Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, Army Good Contact Medal, National Defense Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Overseas Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Sanders was a dedicated father, husband, and service man, who loved life and, above all, his family; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Sanders is entitled to the respect, recognition and remembrance of the City of Roswell for his service and sacrifice to this nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, that:

1. The City of Roswell hereby recognizes the exemplary service and sacrifice of Army Sgt. Christopher Sanders;
2. The City of Roswell further extends its condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of all fallen service men and women;
3. Dedication of the pedestrian overpass on N. Main on the east side of New Mexico Military Institute in the City of Roswell would constitute a fitting and appropriate memorial to the memory of Sgt. Sanders; and
4. At the request of New Mexico Department of Transportation, the City of Roswell supports the New Mexico Department of Transportation's dedication of the pedestrian overpass as a memorial for Sgt. Sanders.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED the 12th day of July, 2018.


Dennis Kintigh, Mayor




Sharon Coll, City Clerk