

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F. C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Supervisor District 1

DATE: May 8, 2007

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve and present a Commendation to Deborah Getz honoring her son PFC Kristofer Douglas-Scott Thomas and his family for his personal sacrifice as a Ranger while fighting in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve and present a Commendation to Deborah Getz honoring her son PFC Kristofer Douglas-Scott Thomas and his family for his personal sacrifice as a Ranger while fighting in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

**BACKGROUND**

The board is being asked to approve and present a Commendation to Mrs. Deborah Getz in honor of her son, PFC Kristofer Douglas-Scott Thomas who died in the line of duty on February 17, 2007 when his helicopter crashed while serving in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

PFC Kristofer Douglas-Scott Thomas was born at Roseville Hospital on October 6, 1988 and lived in Placer County prior to being stationed in Afghanistan. Upon completion of his training camp, he successfully became the youngest recruit ever to become a Ranger. This was a great accomplishment and respected amongst his fellow Rangers. This was his first tour of duty.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

# COUNTY OF **Placer** Board of Supervisors

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## COMMENDATION

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**In the Matter of a Commendation honoring PFC Kristofer Douglas-Scott Thomas and his family for his personal sacrifice as a Ranger while fighting for our country in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.**

Whereas, Kristofer Douglas – Scott Thomas was born at Roseville Hospital on October 6, 1988; and

Whereas, Kristofer grew up as a typical high spirited, energetic, humorous young man with the ambition to join the military and serve his country with honor. He participated in ROTC during high school in preparation for his military service and graduated early from high school in January of 2006 to join the Army on February 7, 2006. He successfully completed One Station of Unit Training, Airborne School and The Ranger Indoctrination Program at Fort Benning, making PFC Kristofer Douglas – Scott Thomas the youngest recruit to ever succeed at becoming a Ranger; and

Whereas, PFC Kristofer Douglas – Scott Thomas was assigned to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, B Co. 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, 3<sup>rd</sup> squad and was stationed in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, on February 17, 2007 PFC Kristofer Douglas – Scott Thomas was killed in the line of duty when his helicopter crashed; and

Whereas, he will forever be loved and remembered by his family and friends including his mother Deborah Getz, stepfather Eddie Getz and brother SPC Nic Doan, whom also serves in the Army, and his recruiter SFC Phillips who became his close friend, and

Whereas, PFC Kristofer Douglas – Scott Thomas, with devotion and pride, fully lived up to the "Ranger Creed":

Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession. I will always endeavor to uphold the prestige, honor, and high esprit de corps of my Ranger Regiment.

Acknowledging the fact that a Ranger is a more elite soldier who arrives at the cutting edge of battle by land, sea, or air, I accept the fact that as a Ranger my country expects me to move farther, faster and fight harder than any other soldier.

Never shall I fail my comrades. I will always keep myself mentally alert, physically strong and morally straight and I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be. One-hundred-percent and then some.

Gallantly will I show the world that I am a specially selected and well-trained soldier. My courtesy to superior officers, neatness of dress and care of equipment shall set the example for others to follow.

Energetically will I meet the enemies of my country. I shall defeat them on the field of battle for I am better trained and will fight with all my might. Surrender is not a Ranger word. I will never leave a fallen comrade to fall into the hands of the enemy and under no circumstances will I ever embarrass my country.

Readily will I display the intestinal fortitude required to fight on to the Ranger objective and complete the mission though I be the lone survivor.

### **RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!**

Now Therefore Let It Be Known That, on this 8th day of May, 2007, the Placer County Board of Supervisors presents this Commendation with the highest level of admiration and appreciation to Deborah Getz and her family in memory of her son, Kristofer Douglas – Scott Thomas. "A true American Hero Always Loved and Never Forgotten."

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Bruce Kranz, Supervisor District 5  
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