

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 142

WHEREAS, United States Army Staff Sergeant Christian Bueno-Galdos was born in 1983 in Arrequipa, Peru, came to the United States with his parents and siblings in 1990, and settled in Paterson, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bueno-Galdos graduated with honors from the Passaic County Technical Institute in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bueno-Galdos had planned to study medicine and enlisted in the Army in 2002 to pursue his dream of a medical career; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bueno-Galdos was a ambitious and courageous young man who loved his country and the military; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bueno-Galdos was a soldier of unusual dedication, having already spent three months in a military hospital recovering from his wartime injuries, and serving in Iraq on his second tour of duty; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bueno-Galdos died at Camp Liberty, Baghdad, in the service of his country, during a time of war, while a member of the United States Army's 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade, based in Grafenwoehr, Germany; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bueno-Galdos was a dedicated soldier as well as a loving son and brother, whose memory lives in the hearts of his family and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bueno-Galdos's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and his fellow soldiers make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him and his family, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. The flag of the United States of America and the flag of New Jersey shall be flown at half-staff at all State departments, offices, agencies, and instrumentalities during appropriate hours on Friday, May 22, 2009, in recognition and mourning of a brave and loyal American hero, United States Army Staff Sergeant Christian Bueno-Galdos.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
20th day of May,
Two Thousand and Nine, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Third.

/s/ Jon S. Corzine

Governor

[seal]

Attest:

/s/ William J. Castner, Jr.

Chief Counsel to the Governor