

Friday, August 18, 2006

### **Governor Corzine Orders Flags To Fly At Half-Staff To Honor U.S. Army Specialist Hai Ming Hsia**

TRENTON – In honor of U.S. Army Specialist Hai Ming Hsia, Governor Jon S. Corzine signed the following Executive Order calling for the United States and New Jersey flags to fly at half-staff on Wednesday, August 23, 2006. The full text of the Executive Order is below. EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 28

WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Hai Ming Hsia was raised in New York City, and his wife currently lives in Newark, New Jersey; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia enlisted in the United States Army in 2002; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia proudly served in the United States Army; and WHEREAS, while serving with the Army's 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, in Baumholder, Germany, Specialist Hsia was deployed to Iraq in 2005 for a second tour of duty in that combat theater; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia gave his life in the line of duty during combat operations in Ramadi, Iraq; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia served his country with honor and distinction and has been recommended for some of our nation's highest military honors; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia was a committed soldier who loved his family, parents, wife, son, friends and neighbors who take great pride in his commitment, professionalism, and achievements; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia has made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty while serving our country in Iraq; and WHEREAS, Specialist Hsia's patriotism and dedicated service to his country and to his fellow soldiers make him a hero and a true role model for all Americans; and WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to mark his passing, remember his family, including his wife who resides in New Jersey, and 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 Wednesday, August 23, 2006, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Army Specialist Hai Ming Hsia.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Posted by Harrison C. at 12:19