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Governor Orders Flags Lowered for Palmer Soldier

(Juneau) ? Governor Frank H. Murkowski today ordered Alaska flags to be lowered to half staff in honor of Spc. Shane W. Woods, an Alaskan soldier who died on August 9 in Iraq. Spc. Woods and two other soldiers were killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, during combat operations. "We are deeply saddened by the death of Shane Woods, and express our condolences to his family and friends," Murkowski said. "It is a mark of his character that he dedicated himself to the fight for freedom for oppressed Iraqis, giving up the comforts of home to take on a difficult task. His selflessness and his commitment will long be remembered by Alaskans." Spc. Woods, 23, was from Palmer. All three soldiers were assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division, based in Friedberg, Germany. The governor ordered state flags to be flown at half staff from Tuesday morning, August 15, until Friday afternoon, August 18. Murkowski will send a letter of condolence and a state flag to the family of Spc. Woods. A service for Spc. Woods is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, August 18 at the First Baptist Church in Palmer.

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