



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee recognize the sacrifice of the members of our armed services and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our freedom; and

WHEREAS, we remember the families who have lost their loved ones in combat; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Jason K. Edens was born in Franklin, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Edens is a 2007 graduate of Franklin High School in Franklin, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Edens enlisted in the United States Army in January 2009; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Edens was an infantryman assigned to 1st Squadron, 13th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Edens deployed with his unit to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Edens is the recipient of the Purple Heart, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Combat Infantryman Badge; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Edens sustained injuries on April 15, 2012, during an attack on his unit in Laghman province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Jason K. Edens died as a result of his injuries on April 26, 2012, in Bethesda, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Jason K. Edens is survived by his wife Ashley Edens of Elizabethton, Tennessee, his mother Janet Crane of Phoenix City, Alabama, and his father James Edens of Franklin, Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim May 4, 2012, as a Day of Mourning in Tennessee in remembrance of Specialist Jason K. Edens and encourage all citizens to join me in this solemn observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 2nd day of May, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Bill Haslam", written over a horizontal line.

Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lee Hargett", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

