

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 139

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Dougall H. Espey, Jr., of Mount Laurel, New Jersey, was raised in Elmira, New York; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Espey, known to family and friends as Sonny, enlisted in the United States Army in 1948, and expected to make the Army his career; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Espey was assigned to Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Division; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Espey was killed in action when his unit was surrounded while occupying a defensive position near Unsan, North Korea in an area known as "Camel's Head", on November 1, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Espey was a courageous soldier who loved his family, friends, and fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Espey was, in turn, loved by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers, who take great pride in his commitment, heroism, and achievements; and

WHEREAS, United States Army Sergeant Espey made the ultimate sacrifice, giving his life in the line of duty, while fighting on behalf of his country; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting to mark his passing, honor his memory, and remember his family as they mourn their loss;

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 Tuesday, April 14, 2009, in recognition of the life and in mourning of the passing of United States Army Sergeant Dougall H. Espey, Jr.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
8th day of April,
Two Thousand and Nine, and
of the Independence of the
United States, the Two
Hundred and Thirty-Third.

/s/ Jon S. Corzine

Governor

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Attest:

/s/ William J. Castner, Jr.

Chief Counsel to the Governor