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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

### ***Mayor Healy To Honor Fallen Hero Army Pfc. LeRoy DeRonde III By Encouraging Businesses to Join the City of Jersey City in Lowering the American Flag at Half-Staff***

**JERSEY CITY** – On May 27, 2012, Jersey City lost one of its very own heroes, **Army Pfc. LeRoy DeRonde III**, whose unit was attacked by enemy forces in the Chak-E Warkdak District in Afghanistan. In honor of Army Pfc. DeRonde’s patriotic duty and sacrifice, **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** urges all businesses to join the City of Jersey City in lowering the American flag at half-staff from Thursday, June 7 through Saturday, June 9, 2012.

“Army Pfc. LeRoy DeRonde III paid the ultimate price defending the United States of America and the principles which our country was founded,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Losing such a young life is a terrible tragedy and during this difficult time, I extend my deepest condolences to his family and friends. As we mourn with them, I hope they find comfort in knowing Army Pfc. DeRonde died a hero fighting for his country.”

The Department of Defense announced that Army Pfc. LeRoy DeRonde III, 22, one of the two soldiers supporting *Operation Enduring Freedom*, was killed during an enemy attack on their unit.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Army Pfc. LeRoy DeRonde III joined the Army in January 2011 to help support his family and lead a more productive life. He was one of a handful of graduates to have been immediately promoted to a Private E2. He was assigned to the 125th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combay Team, 1st Armored Division out of Fort Bliss, Texas.

“I urge everyone to honor his memory and pray for the protection and safety of our men and women in uniform who are currently fighting in distant lands,” continued **Mayor Healy**. “I also extend my gratitude to those who have fought and to those who stand readily to fight for our country’s honor. We will forever be indebted to them, and today, I salute Army Pfc. LeRoy DeRonde III for his service and sacrifice.”

**Viewing for Army Pfc. LeRoy DeRonde III** will be from **5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the **Mclaughlin Funeral Home**, 625 Pavonia Avenue in Jersey City, New Jersey. There will be a Jersey City Police escort for the **Funeral Services** which will be held with full military honors at **11:00 a.m.** at **Holy Cross Cemetery, 9-11 Veterans Memorial** section, 340 Ridge Road in North Arlington, NJ.

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