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Trenton, NJ – Yesterday, Governor Chris Christie signed the following Executive Order:

Executive Order No. 195 - Ordering all State buildings to fly flags at half-staff on Friday, December 4, 2015, in recognition and mourning of a courageous and loyal American soldier, United States Army Private Christopher J. Castaneda. Private Castaneda, a resident of Hammonton, New Jersey, enlisted in the United States Army on January 27, 2015 and was subsequently deployed to Iraq in August of this year. Private Castaneda served honorably in the United States Army as an infantryman in C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. He was a brave and dedicated soldier, whose awards include the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Army Service Ribbon.

“Private Castaneda was a loving son and grandson, who will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and fellow soldiers,” said Governor Christie. “His heroism and commitment to service and country make it appropriate and fitting for the State of New Jersey to remember him, to mark his passing, and to honor his memory.”

A copy of the Executive Order [[pdf 9kB](#)]

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