



WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Stokes
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Dear Susan and Gary:

Hillary and I were deeply saddened to learn of the death of your son, Corporal Sean Andrew Stokes. Your son's death is a great loss for our nation, and our hearts go out to you at this difficult time.

Corporal Stokes' courage and commitment to the ideals on which America was founded will long be remembered with pride. I was so moved to learn that you have established the Sean Andrew Stokes Memorial Organization to honor his memory, and those of other soldiers who lost their lives in Iraq, by providing much-needed assistance to surviving families who have suffered a similar loss. What a wonderful way to keep Sean's memory alive and keep faith with the values he lived by.

As you and the families of other fallen Marines gather for a special ceremony at Camp Pendleton, I hope you will find comfort in the knowledge that our country will be forever grateful for your son's good life; in the solidarity and understanding of the other families; and in the love and support of your family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton