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Torrance Honors Micah Gifford and Joseph Anzack Jr.– Inscribes Names on City of Torrance Veterans Memorial Wall

Torrance, Calif., Aug. 27, 2007 – The City of Torrance will honor fallen soldiers from Torrance. Army Private First Class (Pfc.) Joseph Anzack Jr. and Army Specialist (Spc.) Micah Gifford will be recognized in a ceremony on Friday, September 7, 2007 by inscribing their names on the City's Veterans Memorial Wall located at the corner of Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue. The public is invited; the program will start at 10:30 a.m.

The event honors South High graduates, Pfc. Joseph Anzack Jr. and Spc. Micah Gifford; Anzack graduated in 2005 and Gifford in 2007. Both played football while in school and both died fighting the war in Iraq.

Anzack, 20 years old, was a member of the Army's 10th Mountain Division died on May 23, 2007 when he was taken hostage by Al Qaeda forces after an ambush south of Baghdad. His body was later found in the Euphrates River near the site of the incident. His death occurred after an initial false rumor two months prior, which was dispelled at that time.

Spc. Micah Gifford, 27 years old, was a member of the Army's 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. He died on Dec. 7, 2006 when a roadside bomb exploded as his unit was on patrol in Baghdad.

Due to the event, right-turn lane on Maple Avenue south to one lane west on Torrance Blvd. will be closed on Friday, Sept. 7, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Additional lanes may also be closed depending on the number of event attendees.

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