

# LUCIO HONORS FALLEN SOLDIER U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST MIGUEL ANGEL VILLALON

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**AUSTIN, TX – Senator Eddie Lucio Jr.** (D-Brownsville) paid his respects to U.S. Army Specialist Miguel Angel Villalon, a Brownsville native who was killed in action in Afghanistan. Senator Lucio met with Villalon's family to offer condolences and to honor the fallen soldier's family with a special state flag.

## **Community gathers for SPC Miguel Villalon\***

BROWNSVILLE, Texas – Hundreds gathering in Brownsville for the public visitation of a fallen Valley soldier. U.S. Army Specialist Miguel Angel Villalon was one of two soldiers that died in Afghanistan in early 2020. Now the community is coming together for their hero.

State Senator Lucio Jr. presenting the family with a special flag.

“They’re strong, you know, stronger than I am quite frankly. We have to admire and respect that. We also have to do everything we can to make sure his memory lives on.” Said Senator Lucio.

Villalon was one of two soldiers killed in Afghanistan to a roadside bomb. His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with “C” Device, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

Lazaro Camarillo, III, Military Order of the Purple Heart, “We got to appreciate all the mothers, wives, and children because they sacrifice a lot for us. Especially the people that are serving our country and our veterans that continue our country to have another tomorrow.”

Jesse Garcia, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 121, “When we lose a close one, whether it’s a veteran or a family member, it’s hard. We just want to show our respects.”

Senator Lucio plans on taking the family to Austin at the start of the next legislative session for a memorial for the Brownsville native.

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