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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico’s Third District spoke on the House floor last night in honor of Marine Sergeant Robert Treadway. Below are his remarks as delivered.

“Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor U.S. Marine Sergeant Robert Treadway, who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. Sergeant Treadway was killed in a plane crash in 1976 while on active duty.

“However, it wasn’t until earlier this week, nearly 35 years later, that Sergeant Treadway received the memorial service befitting of all our fallen heroes. On Monday, a memorial service was held for Sergeant Treadway at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, helping bring closure to his mother, Theresa Treadway.

“For nearly two decades, Mrs. Treadway tried several times to arrange for the memorial service that Sergeant Treadway had earned. Her unwavering dedication to her son brought her to my office. I was honored to have the opportunity to help Mrs. Treadway pay tribute to her son, a Marine to his core.

“The men and women who serve our country in the armed services sacrifice a tremendous amount. But so do their loved ones that they leave behind when they protect and serve our great nation. That is why I was honored to be able to help Mrs. Treadway finally give her son a memorial that is befitting of his sacrifice and honors his memory. To Sergeant Treadway and his mother – thank you for being examples of the American spirit at its finest.”

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