

DEDICATED TO LT. CHARLES L. WILKINS III*

[W]hen he shall die
Take him and cut him out into little stars,
And he will make the face of the heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night
And pay no worship to the garish sun

The *Capital University Law Review* would like to dedicate this issue to Lt. Charles L. Wilkins III, a former Capital University Law School student who was killed in action on August 20, 2004 while serving in Iraq.² Lt. Wilkins was a member of the 216th Engineering Battalion of the Ohio National Guard.

While attending Capital University Law School, Lt. Wilkins acted as a mentor and peer advisor to students. Those at Capital who knew Lt. Wilkins recalled that he was passionate about helping other students learn. Reflecting upon the impact that Lt. Wilkins had on first year law students, one alumnus stated, "He was always positive and upbeat, and he was constantly encouraging his peer advisor group . . . to never give up." Discussing his plans for the future, his mother Natalie Wilkins remarked that her son attended law school in the hopes of someday becoming a law school professor.

Though Lt. Wilkins never became a law school professor, he taught everyone he knew the greatest lesson of all—to approach life with courage and bravery. The sacrifices that Lt. Wilkins made will have a profound effect on the ability of others to receive an education. Lt. Wilkins gave his life so that people all over the world may have the freedom to learn and to pursue their dreams and ambitions.

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, ROMEO AND JULIET 125 (Jane Bachman & Skip Nicholson eds., NTC Publishing Group 1994) (1590s).

To obtain more information about Lt. Wilkins, visit the following web sites: Honor the Fallen, *at* http://www.militarycity.com/valor/317482.html (last visited Jan. 10, 2005); Capital ebriefs: Alumni Newsletter, http://www.law.capital.edu/ebriefsarchive/Fall2004(September)/NewsLeft.asp (last visited Jan. 10, 2005).