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GOODLAND - Congressman Jerry Moran today offered a statement on the death of Kansas Army National Guard Specialist Derrick Lutters, 24, of Goodland. Lutters died May 1 in Baghdad, Iraq from injuries sustained when the vehicle he was riding in was attacked by a suicide bomber. Lutters was a member of Detachment 1, 170th Maintenance Company, based out of Goodland. He was assigned to the 891st Engineers Battalion, which mobilized last September.

"I offer my heartfelt sympathy to the Lutters family for the loss of Derrick. Derrick was a citizen-soldier who courageously left his life at home to answer our country's call to duty. He exemplifies what's great about Kansans: courage, dedication, and sacrifice for the good of others. Kansans and all Americans owe him great thanks for his service. This hero's death reminds us all to live a life worthy of his sacrifice. The Lutters family is in my family's thoughts and prayers."

Lutters is the third Kansas Guard soldier who has died while serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Staff Sergeant Clinton Wisdom, of Atchison, and Specialist Don Clary, of Troy, died November 8, 2004 in a suicide bomb attack near Baghdad, Iraq.

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