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Members of the United States Corps Of Cadets, The Long Gray Line, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with great sadness that I announce the death of Cadet Brandon T. Jackson, member of the Class of 2019, E Company, Second Regiment. His untimely death occurred on September 11, 2016 after an automobile accident in Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

The late Cadet Jackson was born on April 17, 1996, in Flushing, Queens, New York. He graduated from Holy Cross High School in Flushing and was a member of the U.S. Military Academy Prep School Class of 2015.

Brandon grew up watching Army football on television. Attending West Point and playing for the Army Football Team as a defensive back was the culmination of a life-long dream. Following the example of his mother, an Iraq War veteran and member of the U.S. Army Reserves, Brandon was proud to serve. He represented West Point values in all aspects of his life. He was a Management major in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and a member of the Cultural Affairs Club. He enjoyed bike-riding as well as playing basketball and chess. His classmates, instructors, coaches, and friends at West Point remember him most for his warm smile, sense of humor, and love of competition.

I wish to extend to his family the sincere and profound sympathy of the Corps of Cadets and all members of this command. His death will be mourned by all who have known him. Brandon internalized our watch words, Duty, Honor, Country. We will honor his life as we mourn the untimely death of a young man who had a promising future as a leader in service to our Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Caslen Jr.", followed by a horizontal line.

Robert L. Caslen Jr.  
Lieutenant General, US Army  
Superintendent