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MARY TILLMAN TALKS ABOUT HER SON, PAT TILLMAN, ON TUESDAY BOOK SIGNING FOLLOWS READING

Atlanta, GA. - Mary Tillman, the mother of football player turned soldier Pat Tillman, tells the tragic story of her son's life and death at a very special presentation at the Carter Library on Tuesday, May 13th at 7 p.m. Tillman's talk and book signing are co-sponsored by the Georgia Center for the Book.

You have seen and heard Mary Tillman on NPR, the Today Show, and 60 Minutes. This is your chance to see and hear her in person and get an autographed copy of her book *Boots on the Ground by Dusk: My Tribute to Pat Tillman*.

Pat Tillman, an NFL star who joined the military after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, died in a confusing scene in the mountains of Afghanistan. His death has been the subject of seven investigations, several inquiries and two congressional hearings.

"You have to understand and I think it's really important that people realize that our family originally, when we learned of the friendly fire, it was very tragic and we were very saddened by it," Tillman told NPR's Steve Inskeep. "It's a horrible thing to know that your loved one was killed by his own men. We thought it was a terrible accident.

"But I think that after looking at the documents and talking to soldiers, I have a feeling that they didn't come out of that canyon in a fog of war. And their behavior was more of an adrenaline rush, a lust to fight."

Hear the whole story from the woman who lived it, Tuesday, May 13th at 7 p.m. in the Carter Center's Cecil B. Day Chapel. Doors open at 6 pm. Seating is limited, so come early.

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