

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 500

In Memory
of
Jessie Perez

WHEREAS, Words cannot fully express the sorrow felt at the loss of Dawson County Deputy Jessie Ray Perez, who died in the line of duty on April 22, 2025, at the age of 42; and

WHEREAS, The son of Florenzio and Gracie Perez, Jessie Perez was born in Richmond on January 24, 1983, and he grew up with the companionship of three siblings, Julian, Bobby, and Rosalinda; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Deputy Perez had served for eight months with the Dawson County Sheriff's Office; he brought a wealth of knowledge to that role, drawing on his expertise as a longtime member of the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department and his service with the Lynn County EMS team and other emergency medical services departments; he was also a member of the O'Donnell City Council; admired for his integrity, courage, and unwavering sense of duty, Deputy Perez earned the respect of his colleagues and fellow West Texas citizens alike, and his tragic death has inspired an outpouring of prayers, sympathy, and support from the community; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Deputy Perez treasured time spent with his family; he was a devoted husband to his wife of 13 years, Linda Sue, and he took great pride in his four children, Mackenzie, Zoey, Shelby, and Fabian, and his grandson, Zephaniah; and

WHEREAS, Beloved for his kindness, generosity, and keen sense of humor, Jessie Perez was a compassionate and caring first responder who embodied the highest ideals of his profession, and

he leaves behind a legacy of service that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Deputy Jessie Ray Perez and extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Linda Sue Perez; to his children, Mackenzie Perez, Zoey Vargas, Shelby Vargas and her husband, Branson, and Fabian Vargas; to his grandson, Zephaniah Vargas; to his mother, Gracie Perez; to his siblings, Julian Gutierrez and his wife, Miranda, Bobby Perez, and Rosalinda Johnson and her husband, Demond; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Deputy Jessie Perez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate