

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 511

In Memory  
of  
Marcelo Garcia III

**WHEREAS,** Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at the loss of Houston firefighter Marcelo Garcia III, who tragically died in the line of duty on November 6, 2024, at the age of 42; and

**WHEREAS,** The son of Marcelo Garcia Jr. and Rosa Giannukos, Marcelo Garcia was born in Houston on June 24, 1982; an outstanding athlete, he played football for the Magnolia Park Sharks, and he excelled as a member of the baseball team at Milby High School; following his graduation in 2000, he attended Texas Southern University, where he majored in business administration and continued to compete in baseball; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Garcia embarked on his career with the Houston Fire Department in 2015; he proudly served at Houston Fire Station No. 23, earning a reputation for his work ethic and optimism and for going above and beyond to assist those in need; committed to giving back to the community at large, he mentored young athletes and volunteered with Angels in the Outfield and at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School; moreover, he lent a helping hand to his neighbors, assisting with such tasks as mowing yards or picking up trash; his generous efforts in behalf of his fellow residents have inspired an outpouring of sympathy and support, testifying to the positive role that he played in the lives of all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS,** Admired for his kindness, integrity, and unwavering dedication, Marcelo Garcia embodied the highest ideals of the firefighting profession, and he left behind a

record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride;  
now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Marcelo Garcia III and extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his father, Marcelo Garcia Jr., and his stepmother, Diana Garcia; to his mother, Rosa Giannukos, and his stepfather, Nalan Giannukos; to his sister, Erica Garcia, and her husband, Kenneth Bou; to his niece and nephew, Lily and Jordi Bou; to his grandparents, Esteban and Evangelina Ballesteros and Frances Garcia; to his girlfriend, Sylvia Ramos; 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 Marcelo Garcia.

Alvarado

Bettencourt	Hall	Middleton
Birdwell	Hancock	Miles
Blanco	Hinojosa of Hidalgo	Nichols
Campbell	Hinojosa of Nueces	Parker
Cook	Huffman	Paxton
Creighton	Hughes	Perry
Eckhardt	Johnson	Schwertner
Flores	King	Sparks
Gutierrez	Kolkhorst	West
Hagenbuch	Menéndez	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on May 14, 2025, by a  
rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate