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S.R. No. 511

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Admired for his kindness, integrity, and unwavering
23 dedication, Marcelo Garcia embodied the highest ideals of the
24 firefighting profession, and he left behind a record of service

1 that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
3 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Marcelo Garcia III and extend
4 deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his father,
5 Marcelo Garcia Jr., and his stepmother, Diana Garcia; to his
6 mother, Rosa Giannukos, and his stepfather, Nalan Giannukos; to his
7 sister, Erica Garcia, and her husband, Kenneth Bou; to his niece and
8 nephew, Lily and Jordi Bou; to his grandparents, Esteban and
9 Evangelina Ballesteros and Frances Garcia; to his girlfriend,
10 Sylvia Ramos; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
14 day, it do so in memory of Marcelo Garcia.