

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

In Memory
of
Al Larsen

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Fort Worth in mourning the tragic loss of Al Larsen, who died August 30, 2003, at the age of 31; and

WHEREAS, Al Larsen was born in Spencer, Iowa; he graduated from Clay Central-Everly High School in 1991 and attended colleges and played football in northwest Iowa for two years; he transferred to the University of Iowa and earned a degree in finance in 1995; he spent the next two years in Los Angeles working as an accountant and on a modeling career; and

WHEREAS, He married Elizabeth-Anne Trevino in 1997, and the couple moved to Fort Worth; Al worked for Centex Homes in Dallas and became a technical specialist with Verizon Corporation in 2000; he earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Dallas in 2002; and

WHEREAS, During the Labor Day weekend, Al was on his way to visit family in Iowa; he was traveling on the Kansas Turnpike when a flash flood occurred; instead of getting out of his vehicle and walking to safety, he got out and started alerting others to the dangers of the rushing waters; and

WHEREAS, He knocked on the windows of automobiles to encourage others to get out of their cars and go to a safe area; he moved several people to higher ground, carried a 79-year-old woman to safety, and continued to help others; and

WHEREAS, Heroes are those individuals who inspire us by their courage, sacrifice, and perseverance in facing danger; in his selfless desire to save the lives of others, Al tragically lost his own; Al Larsen was a hero, and the sacrifice he made for others will not be forgotten by those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, Al was an exemplary young man who lived his life to the fullest and was respected for his courage, his generosity, and his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, son, grandson, and brother, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Al Larsen: his wife, Elizabeth-Anne Larsen; his father, Theodore Larsen;

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his mother, Betty Nordby; his grandmother, Marynelle Larsen; and his sisters and brother-in-law, Debbie and Doug Downey, and Audra Larsen; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Al Larsen.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 25, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate