

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 214

In Memory
of
Gary Staley

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Gary Staley, who died January 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Gary graduated from Kingwood High School in 1988; he was employed as an accountant for Anadarko Petroleum in The Woodlands for a number of years; he graduated from the Cleveland Fire Academy in November of 2002; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Gary was dedicated to his work as a member of the Porter Volunteer Fire Department; he always responded to emergencies in a trustworthy and courageous manner; in December of 2002, he became a member of the 250 Club for having answered 304 fire and Emergency Medical Service calls during the year; and

WHEREAS, A hero is an ordinary individual who responds to a crisis in an extraordinary manner, and Gary Staley consistently met this challenge; and

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2003, Gary joined his fellow firefighters in responding to a fire that had broken out in an antique car showroom and shop; in the ensuing attempt to quell the fire, Gary lost his life; and

WHEREAS, Gary had diligently prepared himself for the vital role that a firefighter plays in a community, and he treasured the time he spent protecting the safety of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Gary Staley gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Gary was a devoted father, son, 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, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Gary Staley: his daughter, Courtney Staley; his parents, Donald and Ruby Staley; his sister, Karla Staley; his brother, Matthew Staley; his grandmother, Maudine O'Neal; and many other beloved relatives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Gary Staley.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 24, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate