

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 831

In Memory  
of  
Joe Garza

**WHEREAS**, Throughout the history of this nation, in times of great peril, men and women of the United States military have marched bravely into battle to defend our precious liberties; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Army First Sergeant Joe Garza embarked from Fort Benning, Georgia, in support of our nation's campaign to liberate Iraqi citizens from oppression; working with the 30th Infantry Regiment, he was killed in action on April 28, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, The beloved husband of Mary Garza, this courageous soldier was a graduate of Robstown High School, where he was a long-distance runner; Sergeant Garza took great pleasure in making others smile and treasured his family above all else; and

**WHEREAS**, Unflinching bravery and a resolute commitment to fulfill his oath to serve, regardless of the personal consequences, were demonstrated by this valorous American, who gave his life to preserve liberty; the State of Texas and the nation now mourn the loss of Joe Garza: a soldier for a time, a hero forever; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby honor the life of Joe Garza and extend to his family deepest sympathy: to his wife, Mary Garza; to his children: John, Myra, and Joe Garza, Jr.; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of United States Army First Sergeant Joe Garza.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 14, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate