

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 270

In Memory
of
Grady Burke

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Captain Grady Burke, who died February 19, 2005, at the age of 39; and

WHEREAS, Captain Burke died in the line of duty; a member of the Houston Fire Department, he was battling a house fire when the roof suddenly collapsed; he had bravely entered the blaze to ensure that no one was trapped inside; and

WHEREAS, Born January 31, 1966, to Don and Sue Burke, Grady was a 1984 graduate of South Houston High School and attended the College of the Mainland Firefighting Academy in Texas City; he married Cindy Bridges in 1992, and the couple had three children; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his work as a firefighter, Captain Burke was a twelve-year veteran of the Houston Fire Department, where he served with Station 46 and had previously served with Station 55; he was a courageous and selfless leader, and in 2004 he had received a medal of valor for helping rescue a trapped victim from a house fire in November, 2003; and

WHEREAS, A devoted member of the Southeast Church of Christ in Friendswood, Grady was an integral part of the Children's Ministry, the praise team, and the semi-annual church family campouts; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage and dedication, Grady was a devoted husband and father, and his warmth, his dauntless spirit,

and his valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Captain Grady Burke: his wife, Cindy; his children, Hannah, Hailey, and Hunter; his sister, Karen Stubblefield; his brother, Paul Burke; and his other beloved family members and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the family of Grady Burke, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Captain Grady Burke.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate