

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 338

In Memory
of
Grady Burke

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

WHEREAS, Captain Burke and other members of Station 46 were on duty and had bravely rushed into a burning house to save whoever might be inside when the roof collapsed, trapping him inside; and

WHEREAS, Grady Burke was born in Houston on January 31, 1966; he graduated in 1984 from South Houston High School and learned his profession at the College of the Mainland Firefighting Academy; he loved his job as a firefighter and the men and women with whom he served; and

WHEREAS, He served for four years in the Texas City Fire Department and was a 12-year veteran of the Houston Fire Department; he had been promoted to captain in March of 2003 and had received a medal of valor for his efforts rescuing a trapped victim of a house fire in November, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Grady was noted for his courage, selflessness, and perseverance in fulfilling his duty; he was a dedicated firefighter and a loyal friend, and the way he lived his life was truly inspirational to those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Grady was a man of strong conviction and faith; he was an active and longtime member of the Southeast Church of Christ in Friendswood, where he was an integral part of the Children's Ministry, the Praise Team, and the semiannual family campouts; and

WHEREAS, Grady Burke lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted husband, father, and son, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family, his colleagues in the Houston Fire Department, and his many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Grady Burke: his wife, Cindy; his children, Hannah, Hailey, and Hunter; his parents, Don and Sue Burke; his sister, Karen Stubblefield; and his brother, Paul Burke; 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 Captain Grady Burke.

		Jackson Gallegos
Armbrister	Fraser	Seliger
Averitt	Harris	Shapiro
Barrientos	Hinojosa	Shapleigh
Brimer	Janek	Staples
Carona	Lindsay	Van de Putte
Deuell	Lucio	Wentworth
Duncan	Madla	West
Ellis	Nelson	Whitmire
Eltife	Ogden	Williams
Estes		Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 8, 2005, by a
rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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