

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 581

In Memory
of
Henry L. Martinez, Sr.

WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately describe the profound sadness felt by the family and friends of Henry L. Martinez, Sr., of Houston, who died on March 12, 2005, at the age of 44; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 3, 1961, Mr. Martinez was a 22-year veteran firefighter with the Houston Fire Department, assigned to Fire Station 75 for the entirety of his tenure; in 2002, he was awarded the Unit Medal of Valor for his heroic actions in rescuing a victim from an automobile accident; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man would risk his own life in behalf of the safety of others, and this selflessness earned the admiration of his fellow firefighters and the boundless gratitude of his neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez was a much-treasured member of his community and will be sorely missed by all those who were privileged to know him and by those who were touched by his deep commitment to protecting the citizens of Houston; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Henry L. Martinez and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: his wife, Georgia Kall; his mother, Esperanza Ramirez and her husband, Perfecto Ramirez, Jr.; his father, Elias Martinez; his daughters, Brittani Martinez, Brooke Martinez, and Tonia Valdez and her husband, Stefan Rowlands; his sons, Henry, Matthew, and

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Adrian Martinez; his grandmother, Manuela F. Lerma; his sisters, Elisa Martinez, Blanca Martinez, Judy DeLaGarza and her husband, Eduardo, and Sandra Martinez and her husband, Ahmad Husainat; his brother, Larry Martinez and his wife, Suzanne; his grandson, Stefan J. Rowlands, Jr.; his stepdaughter, Sarah Kall; his stepson, James Kall; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Henry L. Martinez, Sr.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 11, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate