

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 395

In Memory
of
Billy Jack Zachary

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Billy Jack "BJ" Zachary, who died January 1, 2006, at the age of 32; and

WHEREAS, BJ Zachary was born July 25, 1973, in Madisonville, Texas; he graduated from Madisonville High School in 1991 and from Sam Houston State University in 2001; while attending college, he started his own business, Zachary Landscape and Lawn; he married Tara Johnson on July 27, 2002, at Northside Baptist Church in Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, BJ joined the Texas Department of Public Safety in February of 2004, and was stationed in Monahans; he was killed in the line of duty, and his tragic death was a loss not only to his family and his fellow peace officers but to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan exemplified in his personal and professional conduct the virtues of courage, integrity, and unwavering dedication to duty, and his commitment to the law enforcement profession, as well as to the citizens he proudly served, earned him the respect of all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Texans everywhere are indebted to this exceptional trooper and to all the fine men and women in law enforcement, who by their selfless devotion to the public welfare have enabled us to enjoy the benefits of a peaceful and orderly society; and

WHEREAS, Officer Zachary's exemplary service in a difficult but essential profession will continue to inspire all who knew and loved him; he was a devoted husband, father, and trooper, and though his life ended far too soon, his memory will live on in the hearts of the countless people whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Officer Billy Jack "BJ" Zachary and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: his wife, Tara Johnson Zachary; his daughter, Zoe Kathryn Zachary; his parents, Lonnie and April Zachary; his sister, Conner Zachary; and his grandfather, Bill Conner; 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 Officer BJ Zachary.

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Averitt	Harris	Seliger
Brimer	Hegar	Shapiro
Carona	Hinojosa	Shapleigh
Deuell	Jackson	Van de Putte
Duncan	Janek	Watson
Ellis	Lucio	Wentworth
Eltife	Nelson	West
Estes	Nichols	Whitmire
Fraser	Ogden	Williams
Gallegos	Patrick	Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate