

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 417

In Memory  
of  
Tomas Garces

**WHEREAS**, The friends and family of Army National Guard Sergeant Tomas Garces suffered an immeasurable loss with the death of this valiant young man on September 6, 2004, at the age of 19; and

**WHEREAS**, A former student at Weslaco High School, Sergeant Garces was a champion wrestler who was known for his strength; he enjoyed playing the bass guitar for his church congregation and hoped to one day record gospel music; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Garces was serving his second tour of duty in Iraq at the time of his death, and, despite the dangerous nature of his mission, he remained devoted to serving his country; and

**WHEREAS**, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the United States armed forces, Tomas Garces inspired others with his fortitude, tenacity, and courage; although his passing leaves a void in the lives of those who were fortunate to know him, they will forever carry memories of this heroic young Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Army National Guard Sergeant Tomas Garces and extend deepest sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; 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 Army National Guard Sergeant Tomas Garces.

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Averitt  
Brimer  
Carona  
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Duncan  
Ellis  
Eltife  
Estes  
Fraser  
Gallegos

Harris  
Hegar  
Hinojosa  
Jackson  
Janek  
Nelson  
Nichols  
Ogden  
Patrick  
Seliger

Shapiro  
Shapleigh  
Uresti  
Van de Putte  
Watson  
Wentworth  
West  
Whitmire  
Williams  
Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate