

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 819

In Memory
of
Liviu Librescu

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Liviu Librescu, who died April 16, 2007, at the age of 76 while courageously defending the lives of his students at Virginia Tech University; and

WHEREAS, An Israeli engineering and mathematics lecturer, Dr. Librescu graduated from the Polytechnic University in Bucharest in 1953 with a degree in mechanics and aviation construction; he earned his doctorate in 1969 from the Bucharest-based Academy of Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Librescu was a survivor of the horrors of the Holocaust; he was interned in a labor camp during World War II and was then sent with his family and thousands of other Jews to a central ghetto in the city of Focsani; hundreds of thousands of Romanian Jews were killed during the war; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Dr. Librescu worked at a government aerospace company but found his career blocked when he refused to swear allegiance to Romania's Communist regime; with the help of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, he and his family received an emigration permit and left for Israel in 1978; he and his family moved to Virginia in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Librescu was a highly respected and much beloved professor at Virginia Tech University; on the day Jews around the world honored "Yom Hashoah Ve-Hagevurah," the Holocaust Memorial Day, Liviu Librescu blocked the path of a gunman and heroically sacrificed his own life so that his students could survive; and

WHEREAS, A man of great courage, strength, and compassion, he gave generously to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and he will long be remembered with affection and admiration by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Liviu Librescu; 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 Liviu Librescu.

		Shapiro
Averitt	Harris	Seliger
Brimer	Hegar	Shapleigh
Carona	Hinojosa	Uresti
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 April 23, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate