

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 401

In Memory
of
Vyarl Wayne Martin

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Hurst in mourning the loss of Vyarl Wayne Martin, who died January 4, 2009, at the age of 46; and

WHEREAS, Vyarl Martin was born in Decatur on April 20, 1962; he grew up on a farm in Duke, Oklahoma, and earned a bachelor's degree in aviation technology; he married the love of his life, Kim Olivadoti, on May 28, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Vyarl honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, and Coast Guard; he was called to active duty after September 11, 2001, and in September of 2005, he was a key participant in the mass-shelter operations in Houston following the devastation of New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina; for his outstanding service to his fellow countrymen, Lieutenant Commander Martin was awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal and the Army Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, Vyarl Martin loved to fly and was an expert pilot of jets, multi-engine planes, and helicopters; at the time of his death, he had been piloting for over three years for Petroleum Helicopter, Incorporated, of Morgan City, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Vyarl Martin was beloved and highly respected by all who knew him; he was a true patriot and a man of honor and integrity who gave unselfishly to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the family of Lieutenant Commander Vyarl Wayne Martin; 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 Vyarl Martin.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 10, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate