

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 486

In Memory  
of  
Matthew Wayne Virgel

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Greenville in mourning the loss of Matthew Wayne Virgel, who died March 15, 2009, at the age of 22; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew was born August 14, 1986; he was a devout Christian who dedicated his life to the God he loved; at the time of his death, he was surrounded by family members and his devoted fiancée, Lauren Ragsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew was an exemplary young man who was respected by his fellow worshippers and by the community for his deep commitment to his faith and for his accomplishments; he was a man of integrity and strength who faced his battle with cancer courageously; and

**WHEREAS**, Matthew was an inspiration to those who knew him and was beloved by his family and friends, and he leaves behind memories that will be deeply treasured by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Matthew Wayne Virgel: his parents, Terry and Vicki Virgel and Shaunda and Joe Knight; his brothers and sisters, Jodi Virgel, Lynn Knight, Joey Knight, Lacey Kendall, and Brian Virgel; his grandparents, Joann and Dean Harrison, Jackie and Mary Boles, Pete and Patricia Virgel, and Bob and Jimmie Fulton; and his great-grandparents, Imogene Boles, Homer Blevins, Doug and Glenn Martin, and Martha Harrison; 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 Matthew Virgel.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate