

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Wharton lost a brave and admirable  
2 public servant when Captain Thomas Araguz III of the Wharton  
3 Volunteer Fire Department died in the line of duty on July 3, 2010,  
4 at the age of 30; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on June 30, 1980, to Thomas Araguz, Jr., and  
6 Simona Rodriguez Longoria, Thomas Trevino Araguz was a church altar  
7 server and graduated from Wharton High School and Wharton County  
8 Junior College; as a youth, he played the bass guitar and trumpet  
9 and took part in Boy Scout activities; and

10           WHEREAS, He joined the Wharton Volunteer Fire Department at  
11 the age of 18, and during his 11-year career he courageously served  
12 his fellow citizens; he reached the rank of captain in the  
13 department on January 9, 2010, and weeks before his death he became  
14 a peace officer in the Wharton County Sheriff's Office; and

15           WHEREAS, Above all, Captain Araguz prized the time he spent  
16 with his two sons, Trevor and Tyler, and enjoyed camping and  
17 building model airplanes with them; and

18           WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of his profession,  
19 Captain Thomas Araguz III made immeasurable contributions to his  
20 community, and he will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts  
21 of his many loved ones; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Captain Thomas Araguz  
24 III and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his passing;

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1 and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Captain  
5 Thomas Araguz III.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 977 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 7, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House