

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 319

In Memory
of
Gregory Wade Pickard

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the residents of Bryan and College Station in paying tribute to fallen hero Lieutenant Gregory Wade Pickard, who died in the line of duty February 16, 2013, at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished officer whose expertise was highly valued by his colleagues, Lieutenant Pickard made many vital contributions to the Bryan Fire Department during his 32-year tenure; and

WHEREAS, He was an original member of the department's rescue team, and his leadership and composure as rescue division commander at the devastating Texas A&M University Bonfire collapse inspired his co-workers and kept them focused in the face of tragedy; and

WHEREAS, This courageous officer also served as battalion chief for the Bryan Fire Department, and many of the operational protocols he initiated are still in use today; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 4, 1959, Greg Pickard grew up on ranches outside of Italy, Texas; surrounded by nature and animals, he developed the compassion and generosity of spirit that would later serve him so well as a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, He married the love of his life, Susie, on June 21, 1980, and together they raised two wonderful children, Robin Blair and Jacob Wade, who were the source of much pride and joy; and

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WHEREAS, A dedicated father, husband, and colleague, Lieutenant Pickard was no stranger to sacrifice and loss, and his many selfless acts will long be remembered; the depth of his devotion is symbolized in his final sacrifice, coming to the aid of a fellow firefighter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Lieutenant Gregory Wade Pickard; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for 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 Greg Pickard.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 26, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate