

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 404

**In Memory
of
Margaret Merle Roberts**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Margaret Merle Roberts, who died January 4, 2017, at the age of 46; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Roberts was born on March 21, 1970, and she grew up in the Riverwood Estates community in Houston; she graduated from M. B. Smiley High School in 1988, and she furthered her studies at Texas Southern University and later at the University of Houston in Clear Lake; and

WHEREAS, Margaret joined the Houston Fire Department in April of 1994, and over the years, she was assigned to fire stations throughout the Houston area; in 2002, she attended Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting training, and she was transferred to help open a new fire station at George Bush Intercontinental Airport the following year; she retired from the department on December 13, 2016, after 22 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her career as a firefighter, Margaret succeeded in several entrepreneurial endeavors with her husband, Daniel Jerome Roberts II; she was a loving mother and grandmother who guided her family by spiritual example, and she was an active member of Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Merle Roberts was a devoted public servant, and she inspired those around her with her kindness, her

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wisdom, and her steadfast bravery in working to protect her fellow citizens; she is being posthumously honored on Firefighters and Paramedics Day at the State Capitol on March 21, 2017; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Margaret Merle Roberts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 Margaret Merle Roberts.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate