

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 634

**In Memory
of
James Arthur Harlow, Sr.**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Houston and Pasadena in mourning the loss of Captain James Arthur Harlow, Sr., who died April 12, 2009, at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, James Harlow was born May 18, 1959; a 30-year veteran of the Houston Fire Department, James had joined the department in 1979; he was named captain at Fire Station 26 in Southeast Houston in 2004; he died a hero while serving in the line of duty fighting a fire inside a blazing home; and

WHEREAS, A man of high principles and strong character, Captain Harlow consistently displayed courage and firm resolve in both his professional and personal life; he was caring and supportive of his crew members and was known for his reassuring motto, "Everything is going to be all right"; and

WHEREAS, In honor of his exceptional dedication and bravery as a firefighter, Captain Harlow will be awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor from the Houston Fire Department and the Medal of Honor from the International Association of Firefighters; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary gentleman who was highly respected in his community, Captain Harlow was a devoted family man; he was also an avid outdoorsman who loved sports of all kinds and enjoyed hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Known for his selflessness and generosity, Captain Harlow willingly confronted danger to protect others, and he had the admiration of all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, James Harlow was beloved by his family, fellow firefighters, and many 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 James Arthur Harlow, Sr.: his wife of 29 years, Debbie Harlow; his daughter and son-in-law, Brandy Rooth and Ron; his sons and daughters-in-law, James Harlow, Jr., and Jessica and Travis Harlow and Amber; his parents, James and Virginia Harlow; his sisters, Terri Perricone and Christie Harlow; his brother, David Harlow; and his four grandchildren; 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

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from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James Arthur Harlow, Sr.

Gallegos, Jackson

Averitt
Carona
Davis
Deuell
Duncan
Ellis
Eltife
Estes
Fraser
Harris

Hegar
Hinojosa
Huffman
Lucio
Nelson
Nichols
Ogden
Patrick
Seliger

Shapiro
Shapleigh
Uresti
Van de Putte
Watson
Wentworth
West
Whitmire
Williams
Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

Member, Texas Senate