

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 386

In Memory
of
Edward S. Garza

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of Edward S. Garza, who died February 21, 2007, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Garza was a homicide detective, a business owner, and a charter member of the Corpus Christi Veterans Band; he had played his clarinet and saxophones at the funerals of more than 1,500 veterans and soldiers throughout the state since 1986; and

WHEREAS, He was noted for his love of Corpus Christi; the rescue and survival of his mother in the 1919 hurricane ignited in Eddie a desire to save others; he served for 29 years as a police officer and received numerous commendations for his dedication to duty and to the citizens of Corpus Christi; and

WHEREAS, He received commendations for his service as a member of the Knights of Columbus, the League of United Latin American Citizens, and the American Legion; he was a member of the board of directors and president of Civitan International in Corpus Christi and served as the organization's district governor for the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, He owned Eddie Garza Security and Investigations and worked weekends and lunch hours at Pena's Meat Market, which is owned by his wife of 32 years, Amanda; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Garza showed great compassion, respect, and love for others and honored members of the service who were

killed in action through the music he played at their funerals;
and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband and father, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and his many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Edward Garza and extend sincere condolences to the members of his bereaved family; 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 Edward S. Garza.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 5, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate