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COLUMBIA U. FUND HONORS A VICTIM OF AIDS

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A drive to create a Columbia College scholarship in honor of Stuart Garcia, a leading member of the class of 1984 who died of AIDS last year, has won the endorsement of the Columbia University Senate.

In a resolution about Mr. Garcia passed without dissent Friday afternoon, the Senate said, "For the contributions he made to Columbia and for the courage he showed in battling a disease afflicting so many young people, he should be remembered by future generations of Columbians."

Mr. Garcia, of Austin, Tex., had served for two years in the Senate, a 102-member body composed of students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni. He was president of his freshman and sophomore classes and a member of the Sachems, a senior honor society. He died of acquired immune deficiency syndrome on July 18 at the age of 23. $25,000 Goal for Fund The Stuart Garcia Memorial Fund was established shortly after his death with the goal of raising at least $25,000, enough for a self-sustaining endowment and the creation of a scholarship. It would be awarded to a student in financial need, most likely one who had performed some kind of service to the community or to the school. According to its sponsors, more than $6,000 has already been raised.

"We felt it was very important that it be clear that there is no shame in dying from AIDS," said one of the sponsors, Steven Waldman, who was a classmate of Mr. Garcia. "The university, by putting its imprimatur on the fund, has helped make that statement in a very powerful and important way."

Another sponsor, Julius Genachowski, who was in the class of 1985, said that "an incredibly high percentage of recent graduates, 23- and 24-year-olds in their first job or struggling through graduate school, when contacted about the scholarship, promised immediately to give what they could - which usually turned out to be $20 or so."