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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of the McAfee family on the occasion of their 2023 family reunion, held in the Dallas-Fort Worth area; and

WHEREAS, The genealogical history of the Texas McAfees can be traced to enslaved people owned by Dr. John Miller McAfee of Woodstock, Georgia; two of those people, Nicy and her son, Miles, were first mentioned in Miller's will of 1854 and later, together with Miles's wife, Millie, they were included in the 1870 Georgia census; Miles and Millie had eight children, including Alonzo McAfee; sometime before 1883, Alonzo moved from Georgia to Franklin, Texas, where he married Susie Hawkins; and

WHEREAS, Alonzo and Susie acquired a farming homestead in Franklin that comprised more than 250 acres of land, where they raised and educated their children; Alonzo managed the family farm, while Susie focused on caring for and instructing their children and providing an education to many of the local Black children; Alonzo and Susie were active in their church with Alonzo serving as a deacon and superintendent and Susie working as a district missionary, and the McAfee name became well known and highly respected in the Franklin community and throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, Although no McAfees reside in Franklin today,

over the past 140 years, descendants of Alonzo and Susie have spread across Texas and elsewhere; approximately 100 descendants reside in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and more than 200 live in the Houston area; like their ancestors, today's McAfees possess a deep-seated work ethic, an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, and a steadfast spirit of service; 168 acres of the original McAfee homestead remain in the McAfee family, and numerous McAfees, including Alonzo and Susie, are interred in the North-South Cemetery in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 McAfee family reunion is a fitting occasion for the McAfee descendants to gather in celebration of their family's proud heritage and to join together in their shared commitment to family history, unity, and loyalty; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend the members and descendants of the McAfee family for carrying on their family's rich history and strong spirit and extend to them best wishes for a joyous family reunion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the family as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.