

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of McAllen are mourning the loss of
2 longtime civic leader and admired businessman Jack Earl Cawood, who
3 passed away on January 9, 2023, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of William and Genevieve Cawood, Jack Cawood
5 was born in Harlan, Kentucky, on February 21, 1930, and at the age
6 of 13, he moved to McAllen with his mother; he served in the Civil
7 Air Patrol during World War II, hunting for German U-boats; after
8 completing his bachelor's degree in business administration at The
9 University of Texas at Austin, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force,
10 and he was stationed in Alaska and Idaho; he went on to serve for a
11 decade in the reserve and attained the rank of captain; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Cawood pursued a career in real estate that
13 would span approximately 50 years; his warmth and charm were
14 ideally suited to the field, and he founded Action Realty and helped
15 develop several neighborhoods; dedicated to the advancement of his
16 profession, he was active in the McAllen Board of Realtors, the
17 Texas Association of Realtors, and the National Association of
18 Realtors; he was known for his honesty and integrity and pushed for
19 legislation to hold all Realtors to high ethical standards; in
20 1985, he was named Realtor of the Year by the Texas Association of
21 Realtors; and

22 WHEREAS, A pillar of his community, Mr. Cawood was a member
23 of the McAllen Lions Club for more than three decades and held the
24 office of president; he also served as chair of the McAllen

1 Municipal Hospital Board, and he mentored youth as a Boy Scout
2 master and merit badge counselor; in addition, he used his
3 influence to get potholes filled and street lights repaired; he was
4 a cofounder of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, which later merged
5 with Texans for Lawsuit Reform; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Cawood shared a fulfilling marriage of 58 years
7 with his wife, the former Margaret Louise Berens; they were the
8 parents of two sons, William and Paul, and a daughter, Mary Ann; an
9 avid outdoorsman, Mr. Cawood loved teaching his children how to
10 hunt, fish, and camp; in 2007, he and his wife retired to Blue Skies
11 of Texas in San Antonio, where they enjoyed their shared interest in
12 the Commemorative Air Force and wood carving; Mrs. Cawood preceded
13 her husband in death; and

14 WHEREAS, Although Jack Cawood is sadly missed, he leaves
15 behind a record of civic engagement that his loved ones can remember
16 with pride; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jack Earl Cawood and
19 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
20 children, Mary Ann Cawood and Paul Cawood and his wife, Candace; to
21 his brother, William Cawood; to his grandchildren; and to his many
22 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jack Earl
26 Cawood.

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H.R. No. 605

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 605 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 30, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House