By: Rose H.R. No. 36

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The passing of John Allen McCarty on June 15, 2003, at the age of 88, has brought a great loss to the family and friends of this esteemed Henly resident; and

WHEREAS, A member of the U.S. Army during World War II, he was captured by enemy troops while stationed in the Philippines, but bolstered by his faith and indomitable spirit, he survived the Bataan Death March and subsequent captivity; attributing his survival in part to the prayers of his mother, Mr. McCarty honored her as well as the mothers whose sons never returned from the war by giving them flowers each year on Mother's Day; and

11 WHEREAS, In recognition of his meritorious service to his 12 nation, this courageous soldier was awarded two Purple Hearts and 13 two Bronze Stars, and he was also decorated by the Philippine 14 government; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCarty was a man of many talents, having achieved success in the recreation industry during his 18 years as a Galveston County resident and as a rancher in Henly; and

WHEREAS, Those who were fortunate to share the friendship of Mr. McCarty will long miss his presence, but his remarkable spirit lives on in the hearts of those whose lives he touched during his time on this earth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
John Allen McCarty and extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his

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- 1 daughter, Chris; to his granddaughter, Emily McCarty; to his
- 2 sisters-in-law, June and Jerry McCarty; and to the other relatives
- 3 and many friends of this beloved man; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 5 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
- 6 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John
- 7 Allen McCarty.