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H.C.R. No. 31

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Neal McCoy of Longview has distinguished himself as
2 a devoted family man, a dedicated humanitarian, and one of the
3 bright lights of modern country music; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1995, Mr. McCoy and his wife of 22 years, Melinda,
5 established the East Texas Angel Network in an effort to assist
6 families of children with serious illnesses; to date, this
7 noteworthy charitable foundation has raised more than \$2 million
8 and has helped more than 100 families; and

9 WHEREAS, Many of Mr. McCoy's loyal friends, including Nolan
10 Ryan, Charley Pride, Lorrie Morgan, Bryan White, Bill Engvall, B.
11 J. Thomas, Collin Raye, Martina McBride, the Dallas Cowboy
12 Cheerleaders, Bo Derek, Rob Schneider, Kevin Sharp, Troy Aikman,
13 and General Tommy Franks, have unselfishly championed the
14 outstanding efforts of the East Texas Angel Network; and

15 WHEREAS, A true patriot and a wholehearted supporter of our
16 armed forces, Mr. McCoy was handpicked by President George W. Bush
17 to tour with the USO; he risked his own personal safety in order to
18 entertain and boost the morale of American sailors, soldiers, and
19 airmen stationed abroad; and

20 WHEREAS, On May 19, 2003, Mr. McCoy and his wife attended a
21 White House state dinner honoring Philippine President Gloria
22 Arroyo as guests of President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush; Mr.
23 McCoy delighted diners with his performance of the Nat "King" Cole
24 classic "Unforgettable," wowing those in attendance with his vocal

1 prowess; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. McCoy is a role model for countless citizens of
3 the Lone Star State and the United States of America, and his
4 dedication and commitment to helping others is truly inspirational;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
7 3rd Called Session, hereby recognize Neal McCoy on the occasion of
8 the Ninth Annual Benefit for the East Texas Angel Network and extend
9 to him profound gratitude for his exceptional and courageous
10 service to the State of Texas and the United States of America; and,
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. McCoy as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives and Senate.