

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of Rex McEntire of North  
2 Richland Hills were deeply saddened by the passing of this esteemed  
3 gentleman on May 5, 2003; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on June 12, 1922, in Farr West, Utah, Mr.  
5 McEntire was raised in Utah and graduated as valedictorian from  
6 Weber High School; he attended Weber College and Utah State  
7 Agricultural College and graduated from Colorado College; he  
8 received a law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law  
9 and earned the first master of law degree awarded by The University  
10 of Texas at Austin; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. McEntire proudly served as a combat officer in  
12 the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War; after  
13 active duty, he served in the reserves, commanding a number of  
14 rescue units, and retired in 1982 as a colonel; and

15           WHEREAS, Also a notable athlete, Mr. McEntire spent part of  
16 his youth playing minor league baseball with the Cincinnati Reds  
17 organization, and he toured as a pitcher on a barnstorming  
18 fast-pitch softball team; Mr. McEntire also was an accomplished  
19 Golden Gloves boxer; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. McEntire moved to Tarrant County to practice law  
21 with Senator Doyle Willis, Sr., and for the last 20 years of his  
22 career, he was in partnership with his son, Mike McEntire; licensed  
23 to practice before the United States Supreme Court, Mr. McEntire  
24 argued a case before that court in 1956; and

1           WHEREAS, A member of the State Bar of Texas for more than 50  
2 years, this well-known trial lawyer also was city attorney for  
3 municipalities throughout North Texas, including the cities of  
4 Haltom City, Richland Hills, Roanoke, Hurst, Lake Worth, and  
5 Keller, as well as North Richland Hills, which he served for 30  
6 years until his retirement in 2002; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. McEntire was a talented and highly respected man  
8 with a unique sense of humor, and the blessing of his life will be  
9 forever cherished by those who were privileged to share his love and  
10 friendship; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Rex McEntire  
13 and extend deepest sympathies to his family members: to his wife,  
14 Pat McEntire; to his daughter, Mary McEntire Anderson, and her  
15 husband, Steve; to his son, Mike McEntire, and his wife, Kristi; to  
16 his daughter, Leigh McEntire Oatman; to his son-in-law, Dwight  
17 Childress, and his wife, Leanna; to his stepson, Steve Chaffin, and  
18 his wife, Yvette; to his grandchildren, Whit and Taylor Anderson,  
19 John and William Rex McEntire, Callie Oatman, Mark McEntire  
20 Childress, Latham and Kramer Childress and Courtney, Zach, and  
21 Blake Chaffin; to his brother-in-law, Hayley Dyer; to his longtime  
22 legal assistant, Gerry Shrader; to his dear friends, Frank and  
23 Juanita Gray; and to his other relatives and numerous friends; and,  
24 be it further

25           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rex

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1220 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House