

By: Mowery

H.R. No. 1220

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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1 McEntire.