

By: Gallego

H.R. No. 1681

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Frank Ray McLaughlin of Alpine on May
2 30, 2001, has deeply saddened the family and many friends of this
3 beloved man; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of New York, Mr. McLaughlin was born in
5 Binghamton on May 1, 1918; he enlisted in the United States Navy at
6 the age of 17 and went on to an impressive military career,
7 including a tour in the South Pacific during World War II in which
8 he was listed as missing in action for six weeks; after his return,
9 he was awarded the National Defense Service Ribbon and the Good
10 Conduct Medal and served two years as a member of the Hurricane
11 Hunters before concluding his military service in 1957; and

12 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman moved to Alpine, Texas,
13 after serving as an air traffic controller in Miami, Florida, for 13
14 years, and he quickly demonstrated a strong commitment to serving
15 his community as an active member of the Alpine Noon Lions Club;
16 over the years, he served as the organization's district governor,
17 president of its Crippled Children's Camp, and treasurer and
18 district secretary of the Alpine Chapter; named to the Texas Lions
19 Hall of Fame in 1991 for his service to the group, he received the
20 Melvin Jones Fellows award in 1986 and the Jack Wiech Fellows award
21 nine years later; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. McLaughlin had been a member of the
23 Masonic Lodge, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and the board of
24 directors for the Sunshine House; he was also a Silver-Haired

1 Legislator and for many years served as Alpine's Santa Claus; and

2 WHEREAS, Selected as Alpine's Citizen of the Year in 1977,
3 Frank Ray McLaughlin made lasting contributions to his community,
4 and while he is greatly missed, his memory lives on in the hearts
5 and minds of the many people whose lives he touched; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Frank Ray
9 McLaughlin and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
10 family: to his cherished wife, Edna McLaughlin; to his daughter,
11 Gloria McLaughlin; to his son, Doug McLaughlin; to his two
12 granddaughters; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frank Ray
17 McLaughlin.