## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

## In Memory of Tom McRae

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Granbury in mourning the loss of Tom McRae, who died May 23, 2005, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Tom McRae was born November 7, 1939, in Henderson, Texas, to O.C. and Mary Sue Clinton McRae; he was a leader in the Granbury community, an adventurer, and a visionary entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, He started a number of businesses, including a designer jeans company, a yogurt franchise, and the Great American Race, an antique car rally; he owned Celebration Hall and Granbury Live, a theater offering Christian-oriented family entertainment; and

WHEREAS, A recovering alcoholic, Tom wanted others to share the tremendous happiness he found in his life and was generous with his time and energy, helping others who bore a similar burden; and

WHEREAS, He was a devout Christian and taught Bible classes; he dearly loved children, especially his two-year-old grandson, Texas Garza, and he supported a Christian pregnancy center; and

WHEREAS, Tom McRae lived his dreams and chose to see the joy in life, and he enriched the lives of all who knew him through his love and compassion, his warmth and humor, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; and

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WHEREAS, Tom McRae was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Tom McRae: his wife, Sandi McRae; his daughter, Sam McRae; his sister, Sister McRae; his brother, Mac McRae; and his grandson, Texas Garza; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tom McRae.

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## President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 26, 2005, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate