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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Thomas Purcell McNair, Jr., on May 3,
2 2006, deeply saddened the family and many friends of this beloved
3 gentleman and renowned horseman; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Lakeland, Florida, Tom McNair graduated from
5 Randolph-Henry High School in Charlotte Court House, Virginia,
6 where he was an all-state basketball and football player; after
7 serving in the U.S. Air Force for four years, he attended
8 Hampden-Sydney College and later studied at Virginia Tech; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. McNair worked for 23 years as a manager-trainer
10 for Glennloch Arabian Farms, establishing himself as one of the
11 premier Arabian horsemen in the world and a recognized expert who
12 freely shared his extensive knowledge with others; he garnered
13 hundreds of regional, national, and international championships
14 and is perhaps most widely remembered for his five national wins and
15 numerous other championships with one of the top-winning Egyptian
16 show horses of all time, *SAKR+++; and

17 WHEREAS, Named the 1985 American Horse Show Association
18 Horseman of the Year, Mr. McNair received lifetime achievement
19 awards from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Pyramid
20 Society, and the Arabian Professional and Amateur Horseman's
21 Association; moreover, at the 2005 National Arabian Horse Show, he
22 received a lifetime achievement award for his judging career, and
23 he was selected to be in the first group of inductees into the
24 American Horse Association Judges Hall of Fame; and

1 WHEREAS, Tom McNair's passion for horses was surpassed only
2 by his love for his family and friends, and this wise and generous
3 teacher will forever be remembered for the lessons he shared that
4 touched the lives of those in the horse community and beyond; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
8 Thomas Purcell McNair, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the
9 members of his family: to his wife, Sylvia Jones McNair; to his
10 son, Daniel McNair and his wife, Linda; to his daughter, Maggie
11 McNair Huggins and her husband, Ben; to his brother, E. Chandler
12 McNair and his wife, Claudia; to his grandchildren; to his former
13 wife, Rhita McNair; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
14 it further

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