

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 231

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with many joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of
3 the Honorable Pat McKinney Baskin of Midland, who passed away on May
4 27, 2005, at the age of 78; and

5 WHEREAS, A longtime state district judge and community
6 leader, Pat Baskin was born on November 29, 1926, in Cameron, and
7 later moved with his family to Austin, where he attended junior high
8 and high school; he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in
9 government and a law degree from The University of Texas at Austin,
10 to which he maintained a strong loyalty throughout his life,
11 volunteering as a Texas Exes district officer, leading scholarship
12 efforts, and serving on the statewide executive council; this
13 patriotic Texan also served his country as a member of both the U.S.
14 Army and Navy, and he subsequently settled in Midland with his new
15 bride, Joan, in 1953; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Baskin was a practicing attorney for more than
17 25 years; he served as a municipal court judge for five years and,
18 in 1980, was elected judge of the 142nd State District Court, in
19 which capacity he ably served for 12 years; on his retirement, he
20 assumed the status of senior district judge and worked as a visiting
21 judge until early May 2005; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Baskin was a much-respected resident of his
23 community, where he distinguished himself as a city councilman and
24 mayor pro tem; during his five decades in Midland, he served on

1 countless boards and commissions, including the American Heart
2 Association, the Jaycees, the Midland Symphony Orchestra,
3 Toastmasters, Leadership Midland, the United Way, and more; in
4 addition, he was well-known locally for his acting ability,
5 appearing as a cast member in more than 20 plays and musicals
6 produced by the Midland Community Theatre, which he also served as
7 board president; and

8 WHEREAS, Dedicated to bolstering educational opportunities
9 in public schools, Judge Baskin worked tirelessly in behalf of the
10 Midland Independent School District and was named a lifetime member
11 of the Parent Teacher Association for his efforts in behalf of Sam
12 Houston Elementary School, San Jacinto Junior High School, and
13 Midland High School; fittingly, his last official action as a judge
14 was the swearing-in ceremony for the trustees of the MISD school
15 board on May 11, 2005; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Baskin was a man of deep faith and served as a
17 deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher for the First Presbyterian
18 Church of Midland; a devoted family man as well, he imparted his
19 wisdom and love of service to his four children, who joined him in
20 receiving Midland's Family of the Year award in 1985; and

21 WHEREAS, Pat Baskin set an outstanding example of citizenship
22 and service to others throughout his time on this earth, and though
23 his leadership and generosity will be dearly missed, he will always
24 be remembered with great affection and admiration; now, therefore,
25 be it

26 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
27 hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Pat McKinney Baskin

1 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
2 wife of 52 years, Joan; to his daughter, Becky Ferguson and her
3 husband, Doug; to his sons, Bo Baskin and his wife, Christine, Steve
4 Baskin and his wife, Susie, and JJ Baskin and his wife, Joy; to his
5 grandchildren, A. J., Joanie, Katie, Annabelle, Mac, Liam, Wiley,
6 Terrill, Virginia, and Ben; to his brother, Bill Baskin; and to his
7 other relatives and many friends across the state and nation; and,
8 be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
12 Judge Pat McKinney Baskin.