

By: Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 2178

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends deeply mourn the passing of the
2 Reverend Cecil Eugene McNealy, Jr., of Dallas, on May 22, 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, Born on July 2, 1936, in Bonham, Dr. McNealy
4 graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and fulfilled his
5 patriotic duty as a member of the United States Army Airborne
6 Division; he earned a bachelor's degree in biblical studies from
7 Aspen Christian College and a master's degree in religious
8 education and a doctoral degree in urban ministries from Aspen
9 Theological Seminary; he also received an honorary doctorate of
10 laws from Union Baptist Theological Seminary; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed clergyman was called in 1969 to serve
12 as pastor of Greater El Bethel Baptist Church of Dallas, where he
13 preached with a strong spirit and deep faith for more than 35 years;
14 an eloquent and moving speaker, he was known throughout the nation
15 for his oratory; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. McNealy also contributed his expertise as a
17 board member and regional director of Aspen Christian College and
18 Theological Seminary, a board member of the D. Edwin Johnson
19 Baptist Institute of Dallas, and a faculty member of the National
20 Baptist Congress of Christian Education/National Baptist
21 Convention, USA, Inc.; and

22 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, he was president emeritus
23 of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Dallas and Vicinity, first
24 vice moderator for the Galilee Griggs Memorial District Association
25 of Baptist Churches, and area director of Aspen Christian College

1 and Theological Seminary; and

2 WHEREAS, Cecil McNealy's fairness, devotion, and leadership
3 will long be remembered by all those who were touched by his
4 generosity toward his congregation and community; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Cecil Eugene McNealy,
8 Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
9 the mother of his children, Ellen Brown McNealy and her father,
10 Elmore Brown; to his children, the Reverend William McNealy and his
11 wife, Marcia, Bobbie Barr and her husband, James, Marquette Morris
12 and her husband, Timothy, Cheryl Williams, Nira McNealy, Nico
13 Hodge, and Bridgett McNealy; to his grandchildren, Slavoski
14 Wright I, Amber Graves, Brianna Williams, Cecil McNealy, Taelor
15 McNealy, Jordon Dempsey, Lacy Morris, and Daryl McNealy-Evans; to
16 his great-grandchildren, Slavoski Wright II, Hannah Wright, and
17 Madison Graves; to his brothers, the Reverend T. R. McNealy, Sr.,
18 and his wife, Evelyn, the Reverend Jeff McNealy and his wife, Lida,
19 the Reverend Joe McNealy, Sr., and his wife, Gretchen, the Reverend
20 Charles McNealy and his wife, Marian, and the Reverend Timothy
21 McNealy, Sr.; to his sisters, Ruth Ann Tucker and Mildred Martin;
22 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
26 Reverend Cecil Eugene McNealy, Jr.