

By: Frost

H.C.R. No. 131

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Northeast Texas lost an esteemed public
2 servant, businessman, and community leader with the death of John
3 H. McCoy on February 13, 2007, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 1, 1922, in Naples, John "Wimpy" McCoy
5 married the former Tommie Elliott on August 11, 1946, and the couple
6 made their home on a farm south of New Boston; in addition to his
7 farm and cattle operation, he owned and managed McCoy's Pharmacy,
8 where he welcomed newcomers to town with generous offers of credit;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. McCoy entered public service in the 1950s as an
11 alderman on the city council and subsequently became mayor in 1963;
12 during his distinguished tenure, which spanned more than three
13 decades, he boosted the town's economy through a variety of
14 initiatives, including privatizing the landfill and advocating for
15 the construction of a nearby prison unit; in addition, he improved
16 and expanded the city park, helped organize the Lake Texarkana
17 Water Supply Corporation, and fought the 1995 Base Realignment and
18 Closure of the Red River Army Depot; his service was also
19 characterized by compassion for senior citizens, to whom he was
20 known to send gift baskets, and by community fish fries, which he
21 hosted at his farm; and

22 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to the progress of New Boston and
23 Northeast Texas, Wimpy McCoy went above and beyond his mayoral
24 duties; he was a founding member and president of the Ark-Tex

1 Council of Government, which serves and represents nine Texas
2 counties and one Arkansas county, and he helped develop a hospital
3 authority for West End Bowie County; in 1968, he was instrumental in
4 founding the Bowie County Savings and Loan Association, which he
5 went on to serve as president, director, and chairman of the board;
6 two years later, he was appointed by Governor Preston Smith to the
7 Texas Water Development Board, which he later served as chairman;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. McCoy also shared his time and talents with
10 numerous local organizations, including the New Boston Industrial
11 Foundation, the New Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Northeast Texas
12 Economic Development District, the New Boston United Way, the New
13 Boston Lions Club, and the Boy Scouts of America Caddo District, to
14 name but a few; he was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner, and he was a
15 faithful member of First Baptist Church, where he served in several
16 leadership roles, including deacon; and

17 WHEREAS, Although Wimpy McCoy was known for his firm approach
18 to civic affairs, those who knew him best were touched by his
19 kindness, loyalty, and genuine concern for the community; he
20 contributed immeasurably to New Boston, Bowie County, and Northeast
21 Texas, and he leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments that will
22 long serve the common good; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby pay tribute to the life of John H. "Wimpy" McCoy and extend
25 sincere sympathy to his sister, Dorothy Jordan, to his other
26 relatives, and to his many friends and admirers throughout the
27 community; and, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
4 John H. "Wimpy" McCoy.