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H.R. No. 1186

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of William
2 Theodore McElroy of Uvalde, who died on February 3, 2009, at the age
3 of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Ted McElroy was born in Oklahoma on October 6, 1917;
5 orphaned as an infant, he was adopted by the McElroy family when he
6 was two years old; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. McElroy was joined in matrimony to his lifetime
8 companion, the former Esta Tennyson, in Bentonville, Arkansas, in
9 1939, and they were blessed with a long and happy union that lasted
10 nearly 70 years, until his death; and

11 WHEREAS, A man of profound religious conviction, Mr. McElroy
12 was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ; he began preaching at
13 the age of 15, and he continued preaching while he attended Harding
14 University in Searcy, Arkansas; and

15 WHEREAS, From 1944 to 1947, Mr. McElroy was a minister in Del
16 Rio; in 1951, he and his wife moved to Uvalde, where he was the
17 minister of the Getty Street Church of Christ for three years; he
18 then moved to Birmingham, Alabama, for a time, returning to Uvalde
19 in 1960 to serve as the minister of the Getty Street church for
20 another two decades; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. McElroy had served as the minister of Knippa
22 Church of Christ since 1981, and throughout those years he
23 continued to be an associate minister and an elder at the Getty
24 Street church; and

1 WHEREAS, An active member of his community, Mr. McElroy
2 offered counsel and solace to foster children and to troubled
3 children serving juvenile probation, and he worked with Medina
4 Children's Home and other institutions to match children with
5 adoptive families; he was also a member and former president of the
6 Rotary Club; and

7 WHEREAS, Ted McElroy was a man of great compassion and
8 abiding faith who dedicated himself to helping others, and memories
9 of him will forever endure in the hearts of all those whose lives he
10 touched; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William Theodore
13 McElroy and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
14 family: to his wife, Esta McElroy; to his sons, Joe McElroy and his
15 wife, Charlotte, and William Vann McElroy and his wife, Gale; to his
16 daughter-in-law, Donna McElroy; to his grandchildren, Kimberly
17 Olmstead and her husband, Michael, Leslie Bywater and her husband,
18 Dan, Joely Hendrix and her husband, Stephen, Ashley Pattison and
19 her husband, Neil, William Vann McElroy, Jr., Chad Austin McElroy,
20 and Allison Elizabeth McElroy; to his eight great-grandchildren;
21 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
25 Theodore McElroy.