

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 524

In Memory  
of  
William Gordon McGee

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of El Paso in mourning the loss of Dr. William Gordon McGee, who died April 6, 2008, at the age of 74; and

**WHEREAS,** A graduate of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dr. McGee completed a double residency in internal medicine and pathology; he began working as a pathologist at Hotel Dieu Hospital in El Paso, and he was instrumental in developing a laboratory business now known as Quest Diagnostics; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. McGee was deeply committed to providing good medical care; he was the founder of El Paso's Emergency Medical Service system and had served as chairman of the board of that organization and of the Texas Medical Association, the El Paso city-county health board, and El Paso First, where he fought to make health insurance available to children from low-income families; he had also served as president of the Texas Society of Pathologists and the El Paso County Medical Society; and

**WHEREAS,** He was appointed by Governor Mark White to the Texas Tech University board of regents, where he worked to establish the El Paso medical school as a four-year institution; he worked statewide to improve the delivery of health care along the border, and he was honored by the Texas Society of Pathologists with the George J. Caldwell Award and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Medical Association; and

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**WHEREAS**, Dr. McGee dedicated himself to his community, his state, and his country, and his warmth, wisdom, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, William McGee was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Dr. William Gordon McGee; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William Gordon McGee.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 25, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate