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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The death of attorney and civic leader Albert W. 2 McKnight of San Antonio on October 14, 2009, at the age of 68, profoundly saddened his family, friends, and colleagues; and 3 WHEREAS, Born in Belmont on February 19, 1941, Mr. McKnight 4 5 graduated from Ball High School in Seguin and attended St. Philip's College; after serving his country in the United States Army, he 6 7 completed his bachelor's degree in history at St. Mary's University; he briefly taught at Roosevelt High School before 8

9 becoming the first African American administrator in San Antonio's

10 municipal government, and he later served as a director of planning

11 in the federal Model Cities Program in both San Antonio and New

12 Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight went on to graduate from the Thurgood
Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University and to practice
with Clarence Williams and Johnny Gabriel; a solo practitioner for
several years as well, he also served as a San Antonio municipal
judge in the early 1980s and as justice of the peace for Precinct 4
from 1996 through 2006; more recently, he was a partner in the firm
of McKnight & Bravenec; and

WHEREAS, During the course of his legal career, Mr. McKnight served as a mentor to many young attorneys and frequently performed pro bono work for people in need; he demonstrated a deep commitment to the Eastside community and served in leadership roles for a number of local organizations, including the United Way of San

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- 1 Antonio, the alumni board of St. Mary's University, the San Antonio
- 2 chapter of the NAACP, the Alamo YMCA, the Comanche District of the
- 3 Boy Scouts of America, Catholic Family and Children Services, and
- 4 Mission Trails Rotary, which he helped found; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Albert McKnight worked diligently in behalf of his
- 6 fellow citizens and was a stalwart champion of the causes in which
- 7 he believed; he will forever be fondly remembered by all those who
- 8 were privileged to share in the richness of his life; now,
- 9 therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Albert W. McKnight
- 12 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
- 13 son, Christopher McKnight; to his daughter, Rebecca McKnight; to
- 14 his former wife, Yulanee McKnight; and to his other relatives and
- 15 friends; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Albert
- 19 McKnight.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 345 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 24, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House