

By: McClendon

H.R. No. 345

R E S O L U T I O N

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,
3 profoundly saddened his family, friends, and colleagues; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Belmont on February 19, 1941, Mr. McKnight
5 graduated from Ball High School in Seguin and attended St. Philip's
6 College; after serving his country in the United States Army, he
7 completed his bachelor's degree in history at St. Mary's
8 University; he briefly taught at Roosevelt High School before
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

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

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

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

16 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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