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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of an admired athlete, business  
2 professional, and family man drew to a close with the passing of  
3 William McClellan of Arlington on June 25, 2010, at the age of 70;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, "Mike" McClellan was born and raised in Stamford and  
6 first gained widespread acclaim in sports while a student at  
7 Stamford High School in the mid-1950s; playing for legendary  
8 football coach Gordon Wood, Mr. McClellan was an all-state and  
9 all-American running back and a key part of the Stamford teams that  
10 claimed back-to-back state titles in 1955 and 1956; his gridiron  
11 accomplishments were later recognized with his induction into the  
12 Texas High School Football Hall of Fame and the Gordon Wood Hall of  
13 Champions; he also excelled in track and field events, winning  
14 numerous individual state titles as a sprinter and long jumper and  
15 helping his team win the state title in 1957; and

16           WHEREAS, After attending Baylor University for a year, he  
17 transferred to the University of Oklahoma and played football for  
18 the Sooners from 1959 until 1961; a member of the defensive  
19 secondary as well as a halfback, he was the hero of the 1961  
20 showdown between Oklahoma and Army played in Yankee Stadium,  
21 running 74 yards for a touchdown to help his team notch an upset  
22 victory; this determined young man proved his abilities in the  
23 classroom as well, winning academic all-Big 8 and academic  
24 all-American honors, and he graduated from the university in 1963;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Drafted by the San Francisco 49ers while in his  
3 junior year at Oklahoma, he was later traded to Philadelphia and  
4 played cornerback for the Eagles for two seasons before concluding  
5 his NFL career; in 1964, he joined the armed forces and served his  
6 nation as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army; during this period, he and  
7 his wife, Nancilu, were married, and they later had the pleasure of  
8 seeing their family grow to include a daughter and three  
9 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. McClellan worked for Mobil Oil for a time and  
11 then established a notable career as a real estate appraiser and  
12 consultant that spanned more than 30 years; he became a respected  
13 member of his profession, providing valuation testimony in court  
14 trials, authoring articles for trade journals, and mentoring many  
15 trainees in the field; he was prominent in the Dallas-area chapter  
16 of the Appraisal Institute and the Dallas-Fort Worth chapter of the  
17 International Right of Way Association, serving as president of  
18 both organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, Through talent, hard work, and an enduring  
20 commitment to excellence, Mike McClellan attained success in a  
21 range of pursuits and established a rewarding life that was rich in  
22 family and friends, and memories of his accomplishments will be a  
23 continuing source of inspiration for all who knew him; now,  
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
26 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William McClellan and  
27 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife

1 of 46 years, Nancilu McClellan; to his daughter, Alison Balcombe,  
2 and her husband, Jeff; to his grandchildren, Kaitlin, Trenton, and  
3 Maegan; to his sisters, Mary Wootan and her husband, Lesley, and Pam  
4 Cox and her husband, Tim; and to his other relatives and friends;  
5 and, be it further

6         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day it do so in memory of William  
9 McClellan.