

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Robert Paul McFarland of Alpine on February 20, 2011, at
3 the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Eastland on January 2, 1922, Bob McFarland
5 was the son of Paul and Verna McFarland, and the oldest of six
6 children; as a boy, he caught frogs in Lake Leon and took care of
7 what he claimed was "the world's greatest cow"; he worked with the
8 Gorman Peanut Growers Association and then joined the United States
9 Army to serve his country during World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. McFarland graduated from The University of Texas
11 School of Engineering in 1950; in the course of his distinguished
12 career, he built factories, skyscrapers, and even a rocket sled
13 while employed by the Robert E. McKee Company; Mr. McFarland's
14 engineering projects included the Dallas/Fort Worth International
15 Airport, Texas Instruments plants around the world, and the old
16 First National Bank Building in Dallas, which was thought to be the
17 tallest building west of the Mississippi at one time; and

18 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. McFarland shared a
19 rewarding marriage with his wife, Myra Jo, until her passing, and he
20 was a proud father and grandfather as well; in 1998, Mr. McFarland
21 moved to Alpine and became "Granddad" to a number of local children;
22 he enjoyed treating them to fresh-baked cookies and entertaining
23 them with his fascinating, hilarious stories, told with a dry wit
24 and a distinct Eastland accent; in addition, he was an avid fan of

1 the UT Longhorn and Dallas Cowboys football teams and loved to cheer
2 them on with his sister Peggy; and

3 WHEREAS, Bob McFarland will be deeply missed by all who were
4 privileged to know him, and they will forever cherish their
5 memories of happy times spent in his company; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to Robert Paul McFarland and extend
8 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his daughter,
9 Carla, and her life partner, John Green; to his grandchildren,
10 Robert and Michelle Williamson; and to his other relatives and
11 friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob
15 McFarland.

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Aycock	Harless	Parker
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Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
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Gallego	McClendon	White
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Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 765

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 765 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 17, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House