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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Jack Dennis McCullough, Jr., of Nacogdoches, an  
2 esteemed educator and community leader, passed away on June 16,  
3 2013, at the age of 81; and

4           WHEREAS, A sixth-generation Texan, Jack McCullough was born  
5 in San Antonio on August 8, 1931, to Colonel Jack D. McCullough and  
6 Helen Williams McCullough; he graduated from Stephenville High  
7 School, Tarleton Junior College, and The University of Texas at  
8 Austin; earning National Science Foundation Scholarships, he went  
9 on to receive a master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State  
10 University and a doctoral degree in biology and oceanography from  
11 Texas A&M University; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. McCullough was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant  
13 in the U.S. Army, and he served his country with distinction for  
14 seven years, achieving the rank of captain before his honorable  
15 discharge; early in his notable career in education, he worked as a  
16 biology teacher with the Houston Independent School District and  
17 with Texas A&M University; in 1964, he settled in Nacogdoches,  
18 where he joined the biology department at his alma mater, SFA; and

19           WHEREAS, During his outstanding 36-year tenure, Dr.  
20 McCullough served as director of the environmental science graduate  
21 studies program and published more than 50 scientific papers, many  
22 of which were presented at state, national, and international  
23 scientific conferences; he was awarded a number of honors for his  
24 work, including the Regents Professor Award for Research, the

1 Distinguished Professor Award from the Alumni Association, and the  
2 SFASU Foundation Faculty Achievement Award; outside of the  
3 classroom, he served his field as president of the Texas Academy of  
4 Science and as editor for the *Texas Journal of Science*; and

5         WHEREAS, Dr. McCullough was an active member of the  
6 Nacogdoches community; in addition to his contributions to a number  
7 of local committees, he led historical walking tours through the  
8 town and narrated bus tours; he shared his time with the Boy Scouts  
9 of America, serving on the Eagle Scout board of review, and was a  
10 longtime member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he served  
11 his congregation as an elder; and

12         WHEREAS, Also a valued leader of Rotary International, Dr.  
13 McCullough served the club as president, assistant district  
14 governor, and district governor; in his work with the group, he  
15 traveled across the country to attend conferences and participated  
16 in mission trips to Central America in an effort to help to improve  
17 the health and living conditions of villagers; and

18         WHEREAS, Dr. McCullough, above all else, was devoted to his  
19 family; he was married for 60 years to the former ElaRuth Bankston,  
20 with whom he had two sons, Thomas and Bruce; through the years, the  
21 couple were further blessed with three grandchildren, Fred,  
22 Lindsay, and Miles; and

23         WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of a  
24 man's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on the  
25 world as they move through it, and Jack McCullough's contributions  
26 to his community will long resonate in the lives of all who knew  
27 him; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
3 of Dr. Jack Dennis McCullough, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to  
4 the members of his family: to his wife, ElaRuth Bankston  
5 McCullough; to his sons, Thomas McCullough and his wife, Maria, and  
6 Bruce McCullough and his wife, Diana; to his grandchildren, Fred,  
7 Lindsay, and Miles; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
8 and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Jack  
12 Dennis McCullough, Jr.