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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life defined by compassion, courage, and  
2 commitment drew to a close with the passing of Anne Castleberry  
3 McAfee of Austin on July 13, 2013, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Austin on October 15, 1930, the former Anne  
5 Elizabeth Castleberry grew up with her mother, Martha Faulk  
6 Castleberry Stansbury, on the South Austin farm of her  
7 grandparents, Henry and Mattie Faulk; their rambling Victorian home  
8 welcomed a host of relatives and friends, including Mattie Faulk's  
9 colleagues from the women's suffrage movement, and spirited  
10 discussions on politics, religion, and other topics were the order  
11 of the day; Ms. McAfee developed a profound love of our nation's  
12 founding ideals, as well as a determination to uphold them by making  
13 society more just and inclusive; at the age of 13, she entered the  
14 political arena as a volunteer for the gubernatorial campaign of  
15 former suffragette Minnie Fisher Cunningham, and a few years later,  
16 she attended the Progressive Party Convention in Philadelphia; and

17 WHEREAS, This remarkable young woman graduated from Austin  
18 High School and majored in history at The University of Texas at  
19 Austin, where she met her future husband, Bill McAfee; Ms. McAfee  
20 devoted herself to their home and their five children and pursued  
21 her interest in civic affairs by subscribing to the *Congressional*  
22 *Record* and numerous other publications; once the children were in  
23 school, Ms. McAfee edited a small monthly magazine for the family  
24 business, and she later edited the *Austin Times*, a progressive

1 weekly that she and her husband established; and

2       WHEREAS, Over the years, Ms. McAfee was highly involved in  
3 myriad campaigns for public office at the local, state, and  
4 national levels; she was a statewide coordinator for George  
5 McGovern's presidential campaign and served as campaign treasurer  
6 for congressional candidate John Courage and for Travis County  
7 Constable Maria Canchola; her warm smile and delightful sense of  
8 humor graced innumerable Democratic functions, where she assisted  
9 in a host of ways; a dependable source of wise counsel, she mentored  
10 elected officials in her hometown, and she provided information and  
11 advice to President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign; she was also an  
12 officer and newsletter editor for the Travis County Democratic  
13 Women, a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, and an  
14 original and sustaining member of the Yeller Dawgs group; and

15       WHEREAS, This indomitable Austinite benefited the League of  
16 Women Voters as an officer and newsletter editor; from the era of  
17 the poll tax onward, she worked to ensure equal access to the ballot  
18 box for all, and she was a staunch supporter of the civil rights  
19 movement; she helped found the Save Barton Creek Association, and  
20 she gave selflessly of her time and talents in behalf of many  
21 progressive causes, among them increasing health care access,  
22 empowering farmworkers, protecting the environment, and ending war  
23 and nuclear proliferation; raising her voice for women's rights her  
24 entire life, she provided tremendous inspiration to younger  
25 activists through her presence at the State Capitol during the  
26 senate filibuster on June 25, 2013; and

27       WHEREAS, Anne McAfee was dedicated to her family, her

1 community, and her country, and she instilled in other people an  
2 awareness of the importance of standing up for cherished principles  
3 of social justice; although she will be deeply missed by those she  
4 leaves behind, her shining example of civic engagement will  
5 continue to light their way; now, therefore, be it

6       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
7 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
8 of Anne Castleberry McAfee and extend sincere condolences to the  
9 members of her family: to her husband of 61 years, Bill McAfee; to  
10 her children, Susan Raybuck and her husband, Perry, Mark McAfee,  
11 Karen Kate McAfee, Laura O'Neill, and Nancy Dyer and her husband,  
12 Allan; to her grandchildren, David Raybuck, Abigail Daigle, Sean  
13 Raybuck, Adrienne O'Neill, Amanda Adele McAfee, Kaela Dyer Luna,  
14 Kevin Deckard McAfee, Emerson McAfee, Garrett Dyer, Kenny O'Neill,  
15 Jeff McAfee Deckard, and Sarah O'Neill; to her great-grandchildren,  
16 Sydney, Perry, Harper, and Everlee; and to her many other  
17 relatives, friends, and admirers; and, be it further

18       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Anne  
21 Castleberry McAfee.