

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

In Memory  
of  
Anne C. McAfee

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of longtime activist Anne C. McAfee, who died July 13, 2013, at the age of 82; and

**WHEREAS**, Anne Elizabeth Castleberry was born October 15, 1930, in Austin; she grew up in her Faulk grandparents' home in rural South Austin in an atmosphere where the important issues of the day were vigorously debated and where she developed a deep and abiding love of the nation's founding ideals and its commitment to justice for all; and

**WHEREAS**, She married Bill McAfee in 1952, and the couple raised five children, Susan, Mark, Karen, Laura, and Nancy, and they were blessed with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; together, they operated Futura Press on South Congress Avenue and published a weekly newspaper, the *Austin Times*, and a monthly magazine, *Go Austin!*; and

**WHEREAS**, She began her long career as an activist at the age of 13 as a volunteer in the 1944 gubernatorial campaign of Minnie Fisher Cunningham, who had served as president of the Texas Women's Suffrage Association and who had played an important role in the achievement of women's voting rights in Texas two years before the rest of the nation made it the law; and

**WHEREAS**, She went on to work for a wide variety of progressive candidates, from local candidates like John Courage and Maria Canchola to national figures like Ralph Yarborough, Henry B. Gonzalez, and George McGovern; and

**WHEREAS**, An unabashed liberal, she championed such causes as ending war and nuclear proliferation, protecting the environment, promoting civil rights for minorities and farm workers, defending women's rights, and providing health care for all; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a founding member of the Save Barton Springs Association and served for many years as an officer with the Austin League of Women Voters and the Travis County Democratic Women's Committee; she represented Senate District 14 on the State Democratic Executive Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Anne McAfee was determined to see that America lived up to its founding ideals and upheld them for all its citizens; her tenacity and boundless energy in pursuit of that goal served as an inspiration to several generations of young men and women who shared her vision of a better country for all its people; and

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**WHEREAS**, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her wisdom, her generous spirit, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by her family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Anne C. McAfee; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Anne C. McAfee.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 17, 2013, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate