

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 450

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Wise County lost a dedicated public
2 servant and community leader with the passing of County Judge Bill
3 McElhaney of Bridgeport on October 14, 2013, at the age of 67; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill McElhaney was born in Decatur on June 17, 1946,
5 to Joseph and Atrel McElhaney; after earning his diploma in 1964
6 from Bridgeport High School, he enlisted and served in the United
7 States Army from 1965 to 1967; he went on to graduate in 1977 from
8 the University of North Texas, where he obtained his bachelor's
9 degree in finance with a minor in real estate; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1968, Mr. McElhaney was hired by TXI Operations
11 in Chico, beginning a career with the building materials supplier
12 that would span nearly four decades; he worked in various
13 supervisory and managerial positions before moving into corporate
14 reserves and business development for Texas and Oklahoma in 1997
15 and accepting a position as corporate mineral land manager in the
16 firm's real estate division four years later; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. McElhaney's deep commitment to the community
18 led him to participate in numerous civic endeavors over the course
19 of a quarter-century; he served on the Bridgeport City Council from
20 1978 to 1980, and he first won election as county judge in 2006;
21 while fulfilling his duties on the commissioners court, he took it
22 upon himself to expand his knowledge by taking hundreds of hours of
23 judicial education courses; a member of the Fellows of the Texas
24 County Judges Judicial Academy, he also belonged to the V. G. Young

1 Commissioners Court Leadership Academy and was active in the
2 Nor-Tex County Judges Association; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan further benefited his hometown
4 as chair of the Bridgeport Economic Development Board from 1988 to
5 1989 and was vice president of the executive board for the North
6 Central Texas Council of Governments at the time of his passing;
7 moreover, he contributed his expertise as a member of the
8 Bridgeport ISD Board of Trustees for a total of 21 years, and he
9 served on the board for the Wise County School District as well; and

10 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Judge McElhaney enjoyed the
11 love and support of his wife, Kim, and he took great pride in his
12 children, Billy, Blaine, Stacie, and Katie, as well as in his
13 grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Bill McElhaney was an accomplished professional who
15 also devoted himself to making Wise County an even better place to
16 live, and he leaves behind a record of good works that will be
17 admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Judge Bill
20 McElhaney and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
21 to his wife, Kim Smith McElhaney; to his children, Billy McElhaney
22 Jr., Blaine McElhaney and his wife, Melissa, Stacie Anderson and
23 her husband, Kyle, and Katie Smith and her husband, Josh; to his
24 grandchildren, Christian, Nicolas, Beau, Brody, Trinity, Colton,
25 Lane, Hendrix, Harper, and Haddie; to his sisters, Nadine Green and
26 her husband, Billy Carroll, and Rita Boles; and to his other
27 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge Bill
4 McElhaney.