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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Billy G. McGinnis of Troy, who passed away on February
3 22, 2016, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill McGinnis was born in Thurber on November 25,
5 1926, to William and Mildred McGinnis; he served with the U.S. Army
6 Air Force in the Pacific theater during World War II, and he went on
7 to earn a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at Texas A&M
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. McGinnis worked for the Texas Highway Department
10 in Clifton and served as Bell County engineer before cofounding the
11 Ellis-McGinnis Construction Company in Eddy, where he remained as
12 CEO until his death; over the course of his 66-year career in
13 engineering, he was responsible for the construction of Army Corps
14 of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation projects all over the United
15 States, including dams, reservoirs, bridges, tunnels, mines, power
16 plants, railroads, and highways; he also worked on the island of
17 Madagascar, off the coast of Africa; and

18 WHEREAS, A valued resident of Troy for three decades,
19 Mr. McGinnis attended First Baptist Church; he shared his life with
20 his wife, Ina Fay, for 62 years, and he was the proud father of four
21 children, Robert, David, Michael, and Karen; he was further blessed
22 with five grandchildren, Jonathan, Matthew, Patrick, Lane, and
23 Jordan; and

24 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a respected professional,

1 Bill McGinnis lived a full and generous life, and although he is
2 deeply missed, his spirit lives on in the hearts of all those who
3 knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Billy G. McGinnis
6 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many friends;
7 and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Billy G.
11 McGinnis.