

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John McCaa, a WFAA news anchor and icon of North
2 Texas media, retired on March 1, 2019, concluding a remarkable
3 broadcasting career that spanned more than 42 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Hired by WFAA as a reporter in the Fort Worth bureau
5 in 1984, Mr. McCaa transferred to the Dallas newsroom four years
6 later and began anchoring various broadcasts while also working as
7 a manager; his rigorous professionalism and calm, reassuring voice
8 earned him the admiration of colleagues and viewers alike, and in
9 1992, he was promoted to full-time anchor of the nightly news,
10 becoming the first man of color to serve in that role in the
11 Dallas/Fort Worth market; in recent years, he appeared on three
12 evening newscasts while also presenting a popular weekly
13 commentary, "Uncut"; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. McCaa was a kind mentor to other journalists,
15 from new staff to the more experienced, and he served as president
16 of both the Press Club of Dallas and the DFW Association of Black
17 Communicators; in 2012, he was inducted into the C. E. Shuford Hall
18 of Honor of the Frank W. and Sue Mayborn School of Journalism at the
19 University of North Texas; and

20 WHEREAS, Before joining WFAA, Mr. McCaa was a reporter and
21 anchor at WOWT in Omaha, Nebraska, for seven years; after
22 completing his bachelor's degree in journalism and mass
23 communications at Creighton University in Nebraska, he went on to
24 earn a master's degree in politics from the University of Dallas and

1 a doctoral degree in humanities-history of ideas at The University
2 of Texas at Dallas; he is a member of the Golden Key, Delta Epsilon
3 Iota, and Phi Kappa Phi academic honor societies; and

4 WHEREAS, For 35 years, John McCaa served North Texas
5 residents as a trusted source of information, setting a standard of
6 excellence to which others may aspire, and his presence will be
7 missed by his many loyal viewers; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate WFAA anchor John McCaa on his
10 retirement and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. McCaa as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 774

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 774 was adopted by the House on March 21, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House