

By: Paddie

H.R. No. 258

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Marion County Commissioner Joe Edward McKnight, an  
2 esteemed Texan and a friend to many, passed away on January 31,  
3 2021, at the age of 62; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on April 26, 1958, in Marshall to J. C. "Sonny"  
5 McKnight and Lawana Gayle Russell McKnight, Joe McKnight grew up  
6 with two brothers, Charles and David; and

7           WHEREAS, From 1974 to 2006, Mr. McKnight worked in the oil  
8 fields; he later followed the example of his grandfather, who had  
9 served as a county commissioner, and was elected to the Marion  
10 County Commissioners Court in January 2011; he continued to serve  
11 the people of Precinct 2 for 10 years until the time of his passing;  
12 Mr. McKnight was also a member of the Jefferson Masonic Lodge  
13 No. 38 and Jim's Bayou Masonic Lodge No. 491, and he served with the  
14 Smithland Volunteer Fire Department for two decades; an  
15 outdoorsman, he especially enjoyed hunting and fishing; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight shared 42 years of marriage with the  
17 love of his life, Kim Derrick, whom he married on June 3, 1978; the  
18 couple became the parents of two children, Wendy and Russell, and  
19 had the pleasure of welcoming into their family five grandchildren,  
20 Peyton, Trenton, Presley, Lila, and Heath; and

21           WHEREAS, Devotion to family and community formed the  
22 foundation on which Joe McKnight built his life, and he will forever  
23 be remembered with great admiration and affection; now, therefore,  
24 be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joe Edward McKnight  
3 and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to  
4 his wife, Kim McKnight; to his daughter, Wendy Shelton; to his son,  
5 Russell McKnight, and his wife, Kim; to his brother, David  
6 McKnight, and his wife, Betty; to his grandchildren, Peyton Turner,  
7 Trenton McKnight, Presley Turner, Lila McKnight, and Heath Shelton;  
8 to his nieces and nephews; and to his other relatives and friends;  
9 and, be it further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe  
13 McKnight.