

By: Morrison

H.R. No. 279

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rawley Glenn McCoy, father, husband, architect, and
2 public servant, died unexpectedly at home on Friday, March 5, 2021;
3 born on May 22, 1950, in Victoria, he was the son of the late Fred
4 William McCoy and Selma (Sally) Sarlls McCoy; and

5 WHEREAS, In the 1960s, Rawley may have been the only student
6 at Victoria High School to be a National Honor student while also
7 being enrolled in the vocational program; in his high school
8 drafting class, Lefty Sexton, head of the vocational program at
9 VHS, asked the class if there was a volunteer who would like a
10 summer drafting job at Warren Young Architects; of course, Rawley
11 raised his hand and discovered his love of architecture and his
12 lifelong profession; in order to work during his last two years of
13 high school and attend accelerated academic classes, he gave up
14 varsity basketball and tennis and enrolled as a vocational student;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, In pursuit of his architect dream, Rawley attended
17 Victoria College and thereafter earned both Bachelor of
18 Environmental Design and Master of Architecture degrees at Texas
19 A&M University, receiving the Texas Architectural Foundation 1974
20 and 1975 Jesse H. Jones Scholarships; returning to Victoria in
21 1975, he began his career working for his longtime mentor, Warren
22 Young, forming Young and McCoy Architects in 1979 and operating the
23 firm until 1995; and

24 WHEREAS, Rawley then started his own successful practice,

1 Rawley McCoy and Associates; RMA Architects and Interior Designers,
2 PLLC, also includes architects William Berger, Patrick Ohrt, Brad
3 Kocurek, Chris Pylar, and Allie McGehee, along with Dennis Hughes,
4 senior project manager, and Brian Parker, project manager, Ryan
5 Sprinkle, interior designer, and Karen Pantel, accounting and human
6 resources; the firm designed many notable projects in Victoria and
7 throughout Texas; his architecture work in the community became his
8 passion and only bolstered his love for his hometown of Victoria;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, This passion for his community seeded his desire to
11 enter public service; in 2019, the community he loved elected him
12 mayor; as mayor, Rawley was known as a true leader who worked
13 tirelessly with the city and county to improve Victoria and serve
14 the community; he promoted unity, collaboration, government
15 transparency, and advocacy for those who had not had a voice or seat
16 in government; and

17 WHEREAS, Rawley was also a spiritual man and a devoted and
18 active member of St. Francis Episcopal Church; he obtained a
19 theological Education for Ministry (EFM) four-year program
20 certificate from the School of Theology, Sewanee; and

21 WHEREAS, Rawley's public service included participation in
22 many civic organizations; he was past president and board member of
23 the Victoria Downtown Rotary, past president and board member of
24 Trinity School, chairman of the City of Victoria Building and
25 Standards Commission and Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and a
26 member of the VISD Career Technology Advisory Committee; he was a
27 recipient of the Gulf Bend MHMR Center 2018 "Community Champion

1 Award" and a Gulf Bend Regional Collaborative volunteer who worked
2 on mental health care legislative issues to improve mental health
3 care in a seven-county region; he was also a member of the American
4 Institute of Architects, the Texas Society of Architects Houston
5 Chapter, the Harvey Recovery Task Force and Government Affairs
6 Sub-Committee, and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as a voting
7 member of the Victoria Economic Development Corporation (VEDC) and
8 many more organizations; Rawley "wore many hats"; and

9 WHEREAS, Rawley's love for his community was only outshone by
10 his love of his family; his life will forever be cherished by those
11 he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Rawley Glenn McCoy
14 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to the
15 love of his life, his wife, Kay Klotzman McCoy; to his children,
16 Kristin Erin McCoy Holub and her husband, Jaime, Timothy Jordan
17 McCoy and his wife, Grete, and Kathryn Caroline McCoy; to his
18 brothers, Fred McCoy and his wife, Claire, and Gary McCoy and his
19 wife, Pat; to his sister, Beverly McCoy; to his grandchildren,
20 Matthew, Caroline, and Natalie Holub, Lillian and Charles McCoy,
21 and Anika and Liv McBath; to his nieces and nephews; and to his
22 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rawley
26 Glenn McCoy.