

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 70

In Memory
of
Joe Edward McKnight

WHEREAS, Residents of Marion County lost a dedicated public servant with the passing of County Commissioner Joe Edward McKnight of Jefferson on January 31, 2021, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, The son of J. C. "Sonny" McKnight and Lawana Gayle Russell McKnight, Joe McKnight was born on April 26, 1958, in Marshall, and he grew up with the companionship of two brothers, Charles and David; in 1974, he began a career in the oil industry that spanned more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKnight was elected as Marion County commissioner for Precinct 2 in 2011, and he served with distinction in that office until the time of his passing; during his tenure, he helped implement numerous initiatives, including a major renovation project to update the Marion County courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. McKnight served with the Smithland Volunteer Fire Department for over 20 years; in addition, he was a member of the Jefferson Masonic Lodge #38 and the Jim's Bayou Masonic Lodge #491 A.F. & A.M.; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. McKnight benefited from the love and support of his wife, Kim, with whom he shared a rewarding marriage of more than four decades, and he took great pride in his two children, Wendy and Russell, and in his five grandchildren, Peyton, Trenton, Presley, Lila, and Heath; in his leisure time, he enjoyed hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Joe McKnight gave freely of his time and expertise to better his community, and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Marion County Commissioner Joe Edward McKnight and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe Edward McKnight.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate