

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 144

In Memory
of
Rawley Glenn McCoy

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Victoria in mourning the loss of Mayor Rawley Glenn McCoy, who died March 5, 2021, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Rawley McCoy was born on May 22, 1950, in Victoria; he earned a diploma from Victoria High School, where he was enrolled in the vocational program and was a National Honor Student; through his high school drafting class, he volunteered for a summer job at an architecture firm, and he discovered a lifelong love of architecture and his professional calling; and

WHEREAS, He attended Victoria College and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in environmental design and a master's degree in architecture from Texas A&M University; he returned to Victoria and began working with his longtime mentor, Warren Young, and the two men established the firm of Young and McCoy Architects in 1979; he later established his own successful practice, Rawley McCoy and Associates, which designed numerous notable projects in Victoria and across the state; and

WHEREAS, Rawley was an active member of his beloved hometown community and was involved in a wide range of professional and civic organizations; he served on a number of boards and committees and contributed his time to various groups, including the Victoria Downtown Rotary Club, Trinity Episcopal School, the American Institute of Architects, the Victoria Building and Standards Commission, Gulf Bend Center, and the Victoria Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, Mr. McCoy focused his passion for public service into a successful run for mayor of Victoria, and he served with distinction in this role until the time of his passing; over the course of his tenure as mayor, he was noted for his outstanding leadership, his dedication to serving the people of Victoria, and his tireless efforts to unite citizens, promote collaboration, and advocate for the city's underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, He was a devout Christian who was guided by his faith in his daily life, and he was a devoted member of Saint Francis Episcopal Church; he also held a certificate in theological education from the School of Theology at Sewanee: The University of the South; and

WHEREAS, He and his beloved wife, Kay Klotzman McCoy, were blessed with three children, Kristin Erin McCoy Holub, Timothy Jordan McCoy, and Kathryn Caroline McCoy; his grandchildren, Matthew, Caroline, Natalie, Lillian, Charles, Anika, and Liv, were a source of great pride and joy for him; and

WHEREAS, A man of strength, compassion, and determination, he was respected and admired by all who knew him, and he made a positive difference in the lives of many; his vision, his integrity, and his commitment to service made a lasting impact on the Victoria community, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Rawley Glenn McCoy; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rawley Glenn McCoy.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate