

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 284

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Drayton McLane Jr. for his exceptional contributions to Milam County; and

WHEREAS, A native of Milam County, Drayton McLane is chairman of the McLane Group and the former chief executive officer of the Houston Astros; he grew up in Cameron, and at the age of nine, he began working in his family's wholesale grocery business, the McLane Company, where he learned firsthand the value of a strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Baylor University and earning a master's degree in business administration from Michigan State University, he returned to work in his family's business and served as a truck-loader on the second shift; through dedication and hard work, he rose through the ranks to become president and chief executive officer of the McLane Company in 1964; under his leadership, the company achieved an average annual growth rate of 30 percent and grew to become a \$19 billion enterprise; and

WHEREAS, A highly successful businessman, Drayton McLane has been a generous contributor to numerous charitable and civic efforts across Milam County; a notable example of his generosity was his decision to donate funds to reconstruct and restore a derelict 1891 building in Cameron to serve as the city's new city hall; he has also made contributions to local volunteer fire departments, and he recently provided more than 700 boxes of food to aid citizens affected by the historic 2021 winter storm; and

WHEREAS, Drayton McLane's generosity and support will continue to have a positive impact on the fabric of life for Milam County residents for generations to come, and it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition for his community leadership and philanthropy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby express sincerest appreciation to Drayton McLane for his outstanding achievements and for his invaluable contributions to the people of Milam County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Schwertner

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on April 20, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate