

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

In Memory
of
Paul McCann

WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to a close with the passing of Paul McCann of Egypt, Texas, on February 4, 2025, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, The son of Vachel and Addie McCann, Paul McCann was born in Egypt, Texas, on February 5, 1941; he grew up with 10 older siblings, Christine, Serelia, Marian, Angie, Prince, Jessie, Cora, Vachel, Rose, and Joyce, and he worked on the family farm while attending elementary school and high school; after graduation, he continued his education at Prairie View A&M University; answering his nation's call to duty, he proudly served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCann subsequently moved to Houston, where he was employed by WKM; in 1969, he joined the Houston Police Department Academy, and he went on to enjoy a rewarding career in law enforcement, distinguishing himself as a member of HPD's central, juvenile, emergency communications, employment services, and south central divisions; moreover, he became only the seventh African American officer to be promoted to the rank of sergeant in the history of HPD; he retired in 1993 and then worked as a Harris County investigator for a few years; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. McCann was a valued congregant of Good Hope Baptist Church in Houston, where he served as a trustee and on the finance committee; in all his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and support of his wife of 61 years, Patricia; together, they raised three children, Paula, Kimberly, and Paul, and they had the pleasure of seeing their family grow to include five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; in retirement, Mr. McCann and his wife moved back to Egypt, where he treasured time spent with his loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his community, Paul McCann earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Paul McCann and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Patricia McCann; to his children, Paula McCann Harris and her husband, Dwayne, Kimberly Patrice McCann, and Paul McCann Jr.; to his grandchildren, Madison Serelia Harris, Vachel Joshua McCann, Sue Ann McCann, Kennedy Simone Smith, and Carson James Smith; to his great-grandchildren, Vachel McCann Jr. and Zaleiah McCann; to his sisters, Rose McCann Hall and Joyce McCann

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Coleman; to his godchildren, Chandra Robertson and Jeremy Chinn; and to his many other relatives and friends; 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 Paul McCann.

Miles, Alvarado

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 25, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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