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S.R. No. 77

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of Paul McCann of Egypt, Texas, on February  
3 4, 2025, at the age of 83; and

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

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

21           WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. McCann was a valued congregant  
22 of Good Hope Baptist Church in Houston, where he served as a trustee  
23 and on the finance committee; in all his endeavors, he enjoyed the  
24 love and support of his wife of 61 years, Patricia; together, they

1 raised three children, Paula, Kimberly, and Paul, and they had the  
2 pleasure of seeing their family grow to include five grandchildren  
3 and two great-grandchildren; in retirement, Mr. McCann and his wife  
4 moved back to Egypt, where he treasured time spent with his loved  
5 ones; and

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

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
10 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Paul McCann and extend heartfelt  
11 condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Patricia  
12 McCann; to his children, Paula McCann Harris and her husband,  
13 Dwayne, Kimberly Patrice McCann, and Paul McCann Jr.; to his  
14 grandchildren, Madison Serelia Harris, Vachel Joshua McCann, Sue  
15 Ann McCann, Kennedy Simone Smith, and Carson James Smith; to his  
16 great-grandchildren, Vachel McCann Jr. and Zaleiah McCann; to his  
17 sisters, Rose McCann Hall and Joyce McCann Coleman; to his  
18 godchildren, Chandra Robertson and Jeremy Chinn; and to his many  
19 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
22 day, it do so in memory of Paul McCann.