

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of George Herman McGowan of Houston, who passed away on April 2,  
4 2023, at the age of 93; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Samuel O. McGowan Sr. and Berniece  
6 Ninian, George McGowan was born in Houston on October 18, 1929, and  
7 he grew up in the Fifth Ward; he was a student at Phillis Wheatley  
8 High School in 1945, when he joined the U.S. Army and served for  
9 four months during World War II; he subsequently returned to  
10 Wheatley High, graduating with honors in 1947 and going on to attend  
11 Texas Southern University; in 1952, he rejoined the U.S. Army,  
12 served during the Korean War, and attained the rank of master  
13 sergeant; he concluded his service as a member of the U.S. Air Force  
14 Reserve; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. McGowan enjoyed a 33-year career with the U.S.  
16 Postal Service as a mail carrier; he was also a real estate  
17 developer, and he played an important role in the construction of 17  
18 Fifth Ward properties and in the renovation of his church, Payne  
19 Chapel AME; he was honored with the mayoral proclamation of George  
20 Herman McGowan Day in Houston in February 2022; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. McGowan shared 55 years with his wife, Theresa,  
22 until her death in 2006; he was the devoted father of five children,  
23 Anthony, Theresa, Herman, Karen, and Nina, and he took tremendous  
24 pride in his many grandchildren; in his 90s, he garnered thousands

1 of fans as sidekick "Paw Paw" to his grandson, Chef Kolby Kash, on  
2 social media, offering entertaining commentary about their  
3 culinary creations; and

4 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his  
5 community, George McGowan earned the lasting admiration and  
6 affection of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be  
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of George Herman McGowan  
10 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
11 siblings, Samuel McGowan, Carrie Blackwell, and Linda Lane; to his  
12 children, Anthony McGowan, Theresa Craft, Herman McGowan, Karen  
13 Chandler, and Nina Muoneke; to his 12 grandchildren, 12  
14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; and to his  
15 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of George  
19 McGowan.

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H.R. No. 2060

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2060 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House