



**Press Release – June 17, 2022**

**ON THE PASSING OF RETIRED COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER  
LESTER L. GIBSON, MCLENNAN COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2**

MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS - It is with great sadness that, on behalf of the family of Commissioner Lester L. Gibson, we inform you of his passing this morning, Friday, June 17, 2022.

Commissioner Lester L. Gibson retired from McLennan County on December 31, 2018, after serving the citizens of McLennan County for 28 years. Commissioner Gibson was the longest serving county commissioner in McLennan County's history. Commissioner Gibson was the third African American to serve on the McLennan County Commissioners Court. Serving the constituents of Precinct 2, he was the first African American to be elected to the position. Prior to his serving on the McLennan County Commissioners Court, he served for two years as the city council member from District 1 on the Waco City Council. The former Waco City Councilman and County Commissioner was a dedicated public servant who will be deeply missed. As one of the founders of the Texas Organization of Black County Commissioners, his work and advocacy spanned state and national boundaries. He will long be remembered for his work with the youth in our community, the expansion of economic development, and his voice for equity and inclusion. Commissioner Gibson was a 1967 graduate of A.J. Moore High School and a 1974 graduate of Baylor University. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving honorably in the United States Navy. The father, grandfather, and great-grandfather leaves to cherish his memory a wife, Mrs. Coque Gibson, a daughter and three sons, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Service arrangements are pending.