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H.C.R. No. 80

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Frederic M. Newman is being inducted into the
2 Petroleum Hall of Fame on April 29, 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, The Petroleum Hall of Fame, established in 1967 by
4 the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in Midland, recognizes
5 individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the
6 development of the petroleum industry; and

7 WHEREAS, A native of Louisiana, Fred Newman earned a football
8 scholarship to Northwestern State University, where he graduated
9 with a bachelor's degree in physics and math; early in his career,
10 he worked as a field engineer for Schlumberger Well Services in
11 Magnolia, Arkansas, before transferring to Shreveport, Louisiana,
12 and later Saskatchewan, Canada, where he served as the youngest
13 district manager in the history of the company; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Newman relocated to Midland in 1974, and he
15 decided to strike out on his own, acquiring a few shallow oil and
16 gas wells in New Mexico; he formed Aztec Drilling with his business
17 partner, Jim Pruett, and later established Fred M. Newman, Inc., a
18 shallow vertical drilling contractor; following the 1982 downturn,
19 he formed Total Abandonment Plugging Service, and in 1986, he and
20 three of his children started Triple N Services, which became one of
21 the leading plugging and abandonment contractors in the Permian
22 Basin; moreover, he has successfully patented more than 80
23 innovations, helping to improve the safety and efficiency of the
24 petroleum industry; and

1 WHEREAS, A leader in his community, Mr. Newman was president
2 and served on the board of MARC Empowering Lives; he also helped
3 form Gifts of Hope, a nonprofit organization that provides living
4 space for cancer patients receiving treatment; in addition, his
5 family was voted the 2010 Philanthropic Family of the Year in
6 Midland, and he received an honorary doctorate degree from Husson
7 University in 2016; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his hard work and commitment to innovation,
9 Fred Newman has distinguished himself as a successful and
10 influential figure in an industry that is a vital part of the Texas
11 economy, and it is truly fitting that he should receive this
12 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby congratulate Frederic M. Newman on his induction into the
15 Petroleum Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
16 future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Newman as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives and Senate.