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H.C.R. No. 14

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Edward Runyan is being inducted into the Petroleum
2 Hall of Fame on April 30, 2023; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Ed Runyan is an alumnus of the University of Tulsa,
8 where he earned both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in
9 petroleum engineering; he began his career as a reservoir engineer
10 at Sohio Petroleum Co., before serving in the United States Army and
11 then moving to Midland to become a district engineer for Sohio in
12 1960; he continued acquiring experience in the industry while
13 working for Permian Enterprises and Elcor Chemical Corporation,
14 where he was named vice president of the corporation and president
15 of its Agriculture Chemicals Division in 1963; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1969, Mr. Runyan founded Weeks Petroleum Ltd.,
17 which later became Bell Petroleum Services; he subsequently
18 established Texon Oil Company, and in 1990, he acquired a
19 controlling interest in Mid-America Petroleum, which he made
20 private and renamed Seaboard Oil Company; over the past quarter of a
21 century, Texon and Seaboard have been credited with the discovery
22 of several significant oil fields; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Runyan has earned the respect and admiration of
24 his professional peers through his service in roles such as

1 president of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, chair of the SPE
2 Foundation, and president of the American Institute of Mining,
3 Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers; he and his wife, Marilee
4 Runyan, are also longtime supporters of the University of Tulsa,
5 which honored him as a Distinguished Alumnus in 1978; and

6 WHEREAS, Ed Runyan has built a reputation as a dynamic leader
7 and innovator in the petroleum industry, and he may indeed take
8 pride in this prestigious recognition of his lifetime achievements;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby congratulate Edward Runyan on his induction into the
12 Petroleum Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
13 future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Runyan as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives and Senate.