

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Don Sparks is being inducted into the Petroleum Hall
2 of Fame on April 30, 2023; 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 petroleum industry and set inspiring examples of exemplary service,
7 good character, and high achievement; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Sparks joined the Shell Oil Company after
9 graduating from The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in
10 petroleum engineering; following his service in the U.S. Navy, he
11 returned to Shell as an exploitation engineer in charge of the
12 drilling and completion procedures for development wells in West
13 Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, After working for Freeport Oil Co. and Bailey,
15 Sipes, Williamson and Runyan, Mr. Sparks formed Discovery
16 Operating in 1973; over the years, the company has grown to
17 encompass 31 employees and 420 wells that produce 10,700 barrels of
18 crude and condensate and 13 million cubic feet of natural gas per
19 day; and

20 WHEREAS, Don Sparks has distinguished himself as a successful
21 and influential figure in an industry that is a vital part of the
22 Texas economy, and it is truly fitting that he should receive this
23 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas

H.C.R. No. 15

1 congratulate Don Sparks on his induction into the Petroleum Hall of
2 Fame and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Sparks as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives and Senate.

Craddick

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 15 was adopted by the House on March 8, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 15 was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2023, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor