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H.C.R. No. 16

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Florence Marie Hall, a philanthropist and admired
2 member of the Panhandle business community, is being posthumously
3 inducted into the Petroleum Hall of Fame on April 30, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, The Petroleum Hall of Fame, established in 1967 by
5 the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in Midland, recognizes
6 individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the
7 development of the petroleum industry or have served as worthy
8 examples to those in the petroleum industry; and

9 WHEREAS, The daughter of Granville and Florence Hall, Marie
10 Hall was born in Big Spring; she graduated from The Hockaday School
11 and Southern Methodist University and served as director of the
12 State National Bank of Big Spring; deeply devoted to West Texas, she
13 distinguished herself through her extensive charitable efforts; in
14 2011, she founded the FMH Foundation to support organizations and
15 programs focused on health sciences, rural health care, performing
16 and visual arts, and community and cultural endeavors, and over the
17 years, the foundation has provided nearly 600 grants to more than
18 130 agencies; Ms. Hall was president of the foundation until her
19 passing in 2017; and

20 WHEREAS, Among her accolades, Ms. Hall was named the 1987
21 Woman of the Year by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and an
22 Outstanding Philanthropist by the Permian Basin Chapter of the
23 Association of Fundraising Professionals; moreover, she received
24 an honorary degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences

1 Center as well as the Rosalind Redfern Library Benefactor Award and
2 the Turner Award from the Museum of the Southwest; and

3 WHEREAS, Through her enduring commitment to Big Spring and
4 communities across West Texas, Marie Hall built a legacy that will
5 continue to resonate in the years to come, and she is indeed a
6 worthy addition to the Petroleum Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby honor the memory of Florence Marie Hall on the occasion of
9 her posthumous induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame and pay
10 tribute to her life and achievements; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for her family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives and Senate.