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H.C.R. No. 23

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Kathy Shannon retired as executive director of the
2 Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in Midland on October 1, 2023,
3 drawing to a close many years of outstanding service; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Shannon joined the Petroleum Museum as director
5 of education in 1995, and in that role, she oversaw the addition of
6 the organization's transportation wing, which uses Chaparral race
7 cars to educate visitors on the scientific principles of
8 aerodynamics and physics; in November 2004, she assumed her
9 position as executive director; over the course of a tenure
10 spanning nearly two decades, the museum opened an educational hall
11 and a mineral gallery highlighting mineral specimens from across
12 the globe, underwent an \$18 million renovation of its petroleum
13 exhibits, and launched its state-of-the-art STEAM education
14 center; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the years, Ms. Shannon has contributed to her
16 profession as board president of the Texas Association of Museums
17 from 2011 to 2012 and as a member of the Permian Basin Museum
18 Association; in 2016, she was presented with the TAM President's
19 Award; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Shannon has also given back to the greater
21 community by serving on the board of the Trinity School of Midland
22 and by collaborating with the Texas Education Agency on revising
23 the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills test through the Texas
24 Energy Council; and

1 WHEREAS, The Petroleum Museum has benefited immeasurably
2 from Kathy Shannon's leadership and her unwavering commitment to
3 the institution's mission, and she may indeed reflect with pride on
4 all that she has accomplished; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby congratulate Kathy Shannon on her retirement from the
7 Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and extend to her sincere best
8 wishes for the future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Ms. Shannon as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.