

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Permian Basin Petroleum Association (PBPA) is  
2 honoring John Younger of Midland with its Top Hand award, given for  
3 outstanding achievement and for contributions to the industry and  
4 the community; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Younger graduated from McKinney High School in  
6 1933 and went on to attend Texas A&M University, where he served as  
7 captain of the Corps of Cadets and editor of the yearbook during his  
8 senior year; and

9           WHEREAS, After receiving his bachelor's degree in chemical  
10 engineering, he began his professional career with Baroid Sales  
11 Division as a mud engineer; he later headed the first mud logging  
12 unit, which he brought to Midland in 1940; and

13           WHEREAS, When he received the call to defend his country in  
14 1941, Mr. Younger was inducted into the United States Army, where he  
15 attained the rank of lieutenant colonel; upon his discharge, he  
16 moved to Eunice, New Mexico, and began working for the Western  
17 Company; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Younger became an independent oil operator in  
19 1957 and seven years later founded the Airport 20 Corporation;  
20 today he remains active in real estate and business ventures; and

21           WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman has long worked to promote  
22 the oil industry of West Texas; in 1961 he was one of 60 individuals  
23 who organized the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, and he later  
24 served on a committee that was instrumental in establishing the

1 Permian Basin Petroleum Museum; and

2 WHEREAS, He has also given generously of his time to his  
3 community, serving on the boards of the Midland Independent School  
4 District, High Sky Children's Ranch, Abell-Hanger Foundation, and  
5 Midland Presbyterian Homes, as well as on the first board of the  
6 Midland YMCA; in 1953, together with 24 other charter members, he  
7 helped to establish Memorial Christian Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Younger has been aided in every endeavor by  
9 Charlene Younger, his wife of 64 years; and

10 WHEREAS, A leader of tremendous dedication, energy, and  
11 vision, John Younger has rendered immeasurable service to his  
12 industry and his community, and it is a pleasure to join in  
13 celebrating his newest honor; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas  
15 hereby congratulate John Younger on being named Top Hand by the  
16 Permian Basin Petroleum Association; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 22 was adopted by the House on January 14, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 22 was adopted by the Senate on January 15, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor