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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Clayton W. "Claytie" Williams, Jr., is this year's
2 recipient of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Hope Award for
3 Midland and the Permian Basin, and it is a privilege to pay tribute
4 to this noteworthy Texan for his many lasting contributions that
5 will benefit the people of this state for years to come; and

6 WHEREAS, A modern-day success story, Mr. Williams has truly
7 lived the American Dream of entrepreneurship through his efforts in
8 the oil industry and as a farmer, rancher, high-tech executive, and
9 real estate developer; in addition, he was a guest lecturer at his
10 alma mater, Texas A&M University, in the 1980s and 1990s and earned
11 the Dean's Service Award for Teaching Excellence; and

12 WHEREAS, Possessed of unparalleled determination and
13 uncommon entrepreneurial instincts, this visionary leader
14 established Clajon Gas Company in 1957, and it eventually became
15 the largest individually owned gas company in Texas; subsequent
16 ventures include Clayton Williams Energy and ClayDesta
17 Communications and more than 20 other companies; and

18 WHEREAS, A former gubernatorial candidate, Mr. Williams is
19 perhaps most proud of his status as one of the youngest Texas A&M
20 graduates to receive that university's Distinguished Alumni Award,
21 an honor he accepted in 1980; his passion for all things Aggie is
22 well known, and his generosity to Texas A&M University has greatly
23 benefited the students, faculty, and staff of that institution; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams's philanthropic endeavors have earned

1 him the respect and admiration of countless Texans, and his receipt
2 of the Hope Award for Midland and the Permian Basin--the highest
3 annual honor presented by the National Multiple Sclerosis
4 Society--is indeed richly deserved; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby congratulate Clayton W. "Claytie" Williams, Jr., on his
7 receipt of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Hope Award for
8 Midland and the Permian Basin and commend him for his contributions
9 to the citizens of Texas; and, be it further

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