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S.C.R. No. 39

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins the
3 citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of J. Hugh Liedtke, who
4 died March 28, 2003, at the age of 81; and

5 WHEREAS, Hugh Liedtke earned a bachelor's degree from Amherst
6 College, a master's degree in business administration from Harvard
7 University, and a degree from The University of Texas School of Law;
8 he married Betty Lyn Dirickson, who preceded him in death in 1992;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Liedtke joined his brother, William Liedtke, and
11 former President George Bush to found Zapata Petroleum Corporation
12 in Midland in 1953 and Stetco Petroleum Company in 1962; these
13 companies later became Pennzoil Corporation; he served as the chief
14 executive officer of Pennzoil and its predecessor companies until
15 1988 and as chairman of Pennzoil until 1994; and

16 WHEREAS, A giant in the Texas oil industry for more than four
17 decades, Hugh lived by the wildcatter's motto, "My word is my bond,"
18 and he was widely respected for his integrity, brilliance, and
19 vision as a businessman; and

20 WHEREAS, For his many contributions to the oil industry, he
21 was inducted into the Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, Hugh Liedtke lived his life to the fullest and was a
23 devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind
24 memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many

1 friends; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of J. Hugh
4 Liedtke: his children, Karen Mark, Kristy Liedtke, Hugh Liedtke,
5 Jr., Blake Liedtke, and Katy Bade; and his 15 grandchildren; and, be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the
8 members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the
9 Texas Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day,
10 it do so in memory of J. Hugh Liedtke.