S.C.R. No. 47

1	SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins the
3	citizens of Midland and West Texas in mourning the loss of William
4	H. Collyns, who died February 18, 2003, at the age of 94; and
5	WHEREAS, Bill Collyns was born November 11, 1908, in San
6	Angelo and moved from McCamey with Humble Oil & Refining Company to
7	Midland in 1935; he served as manager of the Midland Chamber of
8	Commerce from 1936 to 1946, with the exception of two years in the
9	United States Army, and he later served as the chamber's president;
10	from 1946 until he retired in 1980, he was editor of the Midland
11	Reporter-Telegram; and
12	WHEREAS, Bill Collyns cultivated the Midland spirit and both
13	witnessed and helped Midland grow from a town of 5,000 people to a
14	progressive, bustling city of 100,000 and the center of the oil
15	industry; he was such an avid booster of his community that he was
16	popularly known as the ambassador for both Midland and West Texas;
17	and
18	WHEREAS, He was instrumental in bringing a United States Army
19	Air Force base to Midland, and the city became home to the nation's
20	largest bombardier school during World War II; he also worked to
21	develop the aviation center that is now Midland International
22	Airport; and
23	WHEREAS, He continued to herald Midland's assets and

qualities, especially its people, and received many newspaper and

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- 1 community service awards throughout his lifetime, from recognition
- 2 by the Jaycees as Outstanding Young Man of 1943 to receiving the
- 3 2001 West Texas Hall of Fame Award; and
- WHEREAS, Highly respected for his accomplishments and his
- 5 leadership in his community he was known as "Mr. Midland," "Mr. West
- 6 Texas," and "Mr. Permian Basin"; he was instrumental in developing
- 7 the Permian Basin's transportation infrastructure, and he was
- 8 inducted into the West Texas Heritage Hall of Fame and the Permian
- 9 Basin Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame; and
- 10 WHEREAS, An exemplary and distinguished gentleman, he was a
- 11 man of great faith and a loyal member, elder emeritus, and trustee
- 12 for the First Presbyterian Church of Midland; he was preceded in
- death by his wife, Alice Collyns, who died in 1997; and
- WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Bill
- 15 Collyns gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom,
- 16 warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew
- 17 him; and
- WHEREAS, Bill Collyns was a devoted husband, father, and
- 19 grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured
- 20 forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 22 hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of William
- 23 H. Collyns: his daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Bill Harris;
- 24 and his two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and, be it
- 25 further
- 26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
- 27 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas

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so in memory of William H. Collyns.	
President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.C.R.	No. 47 was adopted by the So
on April 29, 2003.	
	Secretary of the Senate
	secretary of the senate
I hereby certify that S.C.R.	No. 47 was adopted by the 1
on May 10, 2003.	
	Chief Clerk of the House
Approved:	
 Date	

Governor