



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

4 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  
13 death by his wife, Alice Collyns, who died in 1997; and

14 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

18 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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1 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do  
2 so in memory of William H. Collyns.