

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 23

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Ralph H. Viney of Midland
2 were greatly saddened by his death on June 30, 2005, at the age of
3 82, and we join them in mourning his passing; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Alberta, Canada, Mr. Viney served in the
5 Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II before coming to the
6 United States to study; and

7 WHEREAS, This accomplished professional's great love of
8 learning was reflected in his lifelong pursuit of academic
9 excellence, and after receiving a bachelor's degree in petroleum
10 refining from Tulsa University in 1948, he went on to earn an MBA
11 from Texas Christian University in 1960 and an associate's degree
12 in environmental engineering from Midland College in 1998; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Viney worked as an engineer in Texas City,
14 Houston, Fort Worth, and Paterson, New Jersey, before settling in
15 Midland in 1961 to establish himself as an independent engineering
16 consultant and oil and gas operator, and since that time he had been
17 a valued member of the community; and

18 WHEREAS, An avid musician, he delighted friends and family
19 with his piano and accordion playing, and gave generously of his
20 talent in his role as music master for the Rotary Club of Midland;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Although Ralph Viney will long be missed, this
23 esteemed man leaves behind a legacy to treasure for those who held
24 him dear; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
2 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Ralph H. Viney
3 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
4 children and their spouses, Norma and Bill Burke, Shelton and JoAnn
5 Viney, Rhonda and Mark Henry, Sid and Steve Holden, and Scott and
6 Stacey Viney; to his stepsons, Tony and Steve Young; to his
7 grandchildren, Reagan, Marshall, Landon, Derek, Scott, Tanner,
8 Trevor, Taylor, Brad, Brandi, Allison, Joseph, and Nicholas; to his
9 brother, Paul Viney; to his sister, Norma Gray; and to his other
10 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
14 Ralph H. Viney.