

By: Craddick

H.C.R. No. 106

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Those Texans who give freely of their time and
2 talents to benefit the larger community make the world a better
3 place through their actions and their example, and the Honorable G.
4 Thane Akins of Midland is one such person; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Brady in 1933 to Robert and Evelyn Huff
6 Akins, Thane Akins graduated from Brady High School and went on to
7 earn bachelor's degrees from both Abilene Christian College and
8 Texas Tech University; he soon thereafter began a successful career
9 as a petroleum engineer with ARCO and distinguished himself as
10 Permian Basin section chair of the Society of Petroleum Engineers
11 and as the recipient of the Engineer of the Year award in 1982; and

12 WHEREAS, From 1976 to 1980, Mr. Akins served the citizens of
13 Midland as a member of the Midland City Council, and his election as
14 mayor in 1980 is further proof of the esteem and admiration in which
15 he is held by the community; during his six years in that post,
16 Mayor Akins made vital contributions to Midland and to West Texas;
17 he was highly instrumental in securing the construction of the Ivey
18 Reservoir, in improving facilities at Midland International
19 Airport, and in instigating area-wide endeavors to spur economic
20 development, such as the superconducting supercollider; during a
21 time of significant economic downturn, he helped guide the city of
22 Midland through a period of healthy growth while holding taxes to a
23 minimum; and

24 WHEREAS, A man of unwavering faith, Mr. Akins has served as an

1 elder of the Church of Christ for 30 years, sharing his beliefs with
2 others through teaching and mentoring; moreover, he has maintained
3 a lifelong commitment to Christian education as the board president
4 of Midland Christian School and as an active trustee of Abilene
5 Christian College in its transition to Abilene Christian
6 University; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Akins has also contributed to the betterment of
8 his community with his support of the Midland Boys Club and the
9 local Optimist Club; a man of many talents and interests, he is a
10 flying enthusiast as well as a 46-year member of the Sun Country
11 Gentlemen Barbershop Chorus and the anchor of the Mayor's Forum
12 Barbershop Quartet; and

13 WHEREAS, This exceptional civic leader's commitment to
14 Midland and to his faith are perhaps equaled only by his devotion to
15 his family; for nearly 48 years, he has enjoyed the love and support
16 of his wife, Jean, and together they take great pride in their
17 children, Rex and Kara, and their six grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Although it is impossible to fully gauge the impact
19 of a man's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on
20 the world as they move through it, and the contributions of Thane
21 Akins to his community continue to resonate in the lives of all who
22 know him; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby commend the Honorable G. Thane Akins for his many efforts in
25 behalf of his fellow Texans; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Mr. Akins as an expression of high regard by the Texas

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1 House of Representatives and Senate.