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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Myra Brown Robinson of Big Spring is being inducted
2 into the Petroleum Hall of Fame on April 14, 2005, at the Petroleum
3 Museum in Midland; and

4 WHEREAS, The Petroleum Hall of Fame recognizes individuals
5 who have made significant contributions to the development of the
6 petroleum industry and impacted their communities through civic and
7 social involvement; and

8 WHEREAS, Myra Brown Robinson was born in Fort Worth in 1919 to
9 Flora and John Brown and lived on the Triangle Ranch in Mitchell
10 County until she reached school age and moved to Colorado City; she
11 graduated from Colorado High School in 1937 and attended the
12 University of California at Los Angeles before returning home to
13 work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture; in 1942, she married
14 G. R. "Bob" Robinson, who founded the Robinson Drilling Company in
15 1947 with his father, Glenn Robinson, and Mrs. Robinson as
16 bookkeeper and payroll clerk; the family business developed leases
17 in Scurry, Mitchell, and Garza Counties and moved its headquarters
18 to Big Spring in 1966; and

19 WHEREAS, After her husband's untimely death in 1972, Mrs.
20 Robinson quickly learned all aspects of the business and took over
21 the company operations; she became one of the few women in the
22 country to lead a drilling company, and for more than 30 years, she
23 has kept up with changing technology, upgrading from nitroglycerin
24 shoots to 3-D seismic operations; now known as Robinson Drilling of

1 Texas, the company has drilled more than 1,500 wells totaling over
2 13 million feet under her direction; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Mrs. Robinson is known for her energetic
4 leadership, strong character, fiscal responsibility, and
5 unwavering loyalty to her employees; she was the first woman
6 selected by the Permian Basin Petroleum Association for its Top
7 Hand Award, representing a lifetime of personal and professional
8 achievement; her commitment to her community has been amply
9 demonstrated by her service as an elder of Big Spring's First
10 Presbyterian Church, as a board member of the Salvation Army,
11 Schreiner College, Presbyterian Church Foundation, and Texas
12 Presbyterian Foundation, and as a member of the Petroleum Museum,
13 Samaritan Counseling Center, and Howard College Foundation; she has
14 also been named Big Spring's Woman of the Year and received the
15 Samaritan Counseling Center's Ethics in Business Award; and

16 WHEREAS, The beloved mother of our esteemed colleague,
17 Representative Myra Crownover, Myra Brown Robinson holds the
18 distinction of being only the second woman ever elected to the
19 Petroleum Hall of Fame; her achievements as an industry and
20 community leader have distinguished her among the members of her
21 profession, and she is indeed deserving of this prestigious award;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Myra Brown Robinson on her
25 induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame and commend her for her
26 outstanding professional accomplishments and civic contributions;
27 and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Mrs. Robinson as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.